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P.G.L.	NUMBER, NAME AND ADDRESS OF LODGE	DAY OF MEETING	DATE OF ISSUE
CANTERBURY	10435, ROBERT W. BRADY, Miramar Hotel, Beltinge, Herne Bay, Kent.	Sun. 11.30 a.m.	18.5.87
DURHAM CITY	10436, WHITWELL, New Whitwell Inn, Sherburn Road, Gilesgate, Durham.	Thurs. 7.30 p.m.	30.6.87
RETFORD	10437, PETER EDWARD HARRIS, Manton Colliery Athletic Club & Inst., Retford Road, Worksop, Notts.	Sun. 11.30 a.m.	2.7.87
NORTH WALES	10438, TRINITY, R.A.F.A. Club, August St.,Llandudno, Gwynedd.	1st, 2nd, 4th Thurs.	21.7.87
BRADFORD	10439, PHILHARBEN, Upper Bolton Conservative Club, Sefton Hill, Idle Road, Bradford.	Fri. 8 p.m.	24.7.87

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Bro. Harry Reid
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"Our Correspondents Write"

RAOB, GLE EDUCATION FUND "PUTS UP ANOTHER WINNER"

The BQJ is pleased to publish the following letter from amongst many assisted during their education term(s).

26 Phoenix Street, Goole,
North Humberside, DN4 5HB.
12/7/87.

Gentlemen,

I am writing to tell you that I have just achieved my Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Geography at a 2:1 class from the University of Manchester. I would like to thank you for all the help and encouragement you have given me, and especially for the grant which I have received whilst attending Higher Education. It has helped me a great deal in getting to the standard I attained by helping to pay for books I needed and for being able to attend field courses to further my studies. I feel sure that my late father, Brian Wood, would have appreciated it very much, as has my mother, Joyce Wood. Once again, thank you for all your help whilst I have continued my studies.

Yours Sincerely,
Paul Wood.

SIR JOHN GAZE LODGE No 2783

I would like, through the Journal to express the thanks of the members of the Sir John Gaze Lodge, to the Grand Primo, Bro William Hirst, ROH, and all other visitors to the Lodge on Monday, 11th May, 1987, for giving us such a wonderful and very enjoyable evening.

The Grand Primo gave a very clear and enlightening talk about the affairs of Grand Lodge, and the financial side of the Order that was very well received, and that gave the Brothers present plenty of food for thought. He had also looked into the history of the Lodge and spoke of some of the work done by the Brother the Lodge is named after, Bro John Gaze, ROH, Grand Primo 1919. In all it was a very interesting evening. Bro Bill also mentioned that he would like to know of the gifts that Minor Lodges make to outside charities during the course of a year, this must total a very considerable amount, and could be very good publicity for the Order.

We in the Sir John Gaze Lodge did last year raise the sum of £1,000, by holding social events etc., and on Saturday, 6th December last, we held a Fish & Chip Social, at which an Honorary Member of our Lodge and the Order, presented a cheque for this amount to a representative of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, this Brother was Bro George Tilley, ROH, who is also well known for his work in founding the RAOB Memorial Club, Clapham, London. Bro George is now retired and living in South Wales, but is still in close contact and visits when he can, he will have celebrated 50 years membership in June, 1987 needless to say we are proud of this Brother.

Once again I do thank all those good Brothers that attended, and also those that have assisted us in our functions in the past.

Bro A. C. Wright, C.P. City Secretary,
Sir John Gaze Lodge No 2783,
London (Central) P.G. Lodge.

LODGES £500 FOR GLENGARTH

The Sir Edmund George Drage Lodge No. 3676 of the Stockport Province have over recent years, despite declining numbers, continued to increase its activities to outside charities.

Recently the Order was given publicity by the local Press when they were in attendance at the handing over of a cheque for £500 to the Glengarth Centre. The Press coverage produced the following report:—

"A herd of Buffaloes trampled into the Glengarth Evening Centre on Thursday night.

Members of the Sir Edmund George Drage Lodge—better known as a branch of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes—paid a visit to the centre to hand over a cheque for £500.

The 'herd', led by Lodge Chairman Bob McMillan have spent the last 12 months fund raising with staff Robinsons Brewery for the Centre.

And it will be used to but equipment for the evening centre which is linked to the Marple based special school.

The Buffaloes are old hands at hunting for cash. Since 1984 they have managed to raise money for Norwood House to buy a cooker and a deep freeze unit for the adult residents.

And they reckon they've managed to raise all that cash with an average attendance of ten members at their weekly Friday night meetings at the Blossoms Hotel."

In addition to this donation, the Lodge has further donated to this particular project equipment as outlined bringing their fund raising scheme up to nearly £1,000. They did have welcome assistance from the local Brewery Company, Robinsons, to whom sincere thanks are extended.

The photograph shows standing from left to right Mrs Sadowski (voluntary helper), Bro. Alf Bray, Primo Albert Butler, Terry McGovern KOM, Bob McMillan ROH, PG Sec, Ron Worthington ROH, Bob Webb ROH, Mr Sadowski (voluntary helper), together with Sonia Baker, Maralin Chantree, Paul Matkin and Roger Oldham of the Centre.

Bro. T. McGovern KOM, C. Secretary,
Sir Edmund George Drage Lodge No. 3676,
Stockport and District PG Lodge.

Editorial Jottings

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Browsing through the directories over many years, one comes across some very odd and unusual names of Minor Lodges. Let us have the origin of your own Lodge name if it is unusual—names of persons, pubs, clubs and districts are obvious, but it would be of interest to readers to hear about other names given to Minor Lodges. I publish a few odd names and invite those Lodges to let me have a write-up for future publication in the BQJ.

Altrincham & District—*Centenary Lodge No. 9511;* Banbury & District—*Phoenix Lodge No. 7483;* Barnsley & District—*Three Peaches Lodge No. 5323;* Darlington & District—*United Three Cities Lodge No. 8234;* Cardiff & District—*Nicholas Macchiavello Lodge No. 7873;* South East Durham—*Yohden Lodge No. 9566.*

If this item of interest proves fruitful then other names will be forthcoming. But don't wait for your Lodge name to come up, write up your own unusual name now. (The Cardiff one intrigues me, I have never heard of a 'Taffy' Macchiavello before—Ed).

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Bro. T. Grogan of the Mersey PG Lodge writes to express his thanks to all who were present at the recent investiture of Bro. Roy Fry ROH as Grand Alderman of Benvolence. It was a grand turnout at all levels. A number of unclaimed raffle prizes are still available for the lucky winners holding following tickets:—

Electric blanket, YELLOW ticket Nos. 491–495 (Code A2 7 WXA 72); Coffee maker, GREEN ticket Nos. 76–80 (Code T4 54 AA 7N); Decorative clock, BEIGE ticket Nos. 371–375 (Code A 168 4 A 7 P) and also a leather sash wallet found in Queens Hall.

Claimants for all items please contact Bro. Grogan, 208 Grangemoor, Runcorn, Cheshire.

Bro. Tom Pearson, one of our residents at the 'York', had written earlier in the year to express thanks to all who stayed at the Home over the Christmas 1986 period. He especially wished to thank those who contributed donations and prizes and generally helped to make the festive break one to remember.

We have received a very nice letter from Mrs Vera D. Lisak and family of 43 Lynfield Park, Weston, Bath, Avon, expressing their sincere thanks for the help and assistance received during the very difficult time they underwent immediately following the death of Bro. C. Kennel of the Chelmsford & District PGL. In particular thanks are extended to Mr and Mrs Derek Lodge who gave them accommodation in their home. The elderly relatives of the late Brother were given every possible assistance and help with the many offices to be visited in formalities surrounding the passing of a loved one. Thanks are also extended to Jock McGuire who was of great help. Mrs Lisak says, 'thank you to the RAOB, especially the Chelmsford members'.

!!! HELP !!! !!! HELP !!!

An appeal is made by Bro. J. H. Moore ROH of the Phoenix Transvaal Lodge No. 3656 who whilst attending a ceremonial occasion at the Crossway Lodge No. 7061 (New Forest PGL) found that his regalia case had been moved from where he had placed it, after packing away all his personal bits and pieces after the ceremony.

The case contained a chain collar, apron, gauntlets, baton etc. and a number of jewels collected over some 43 years of Buffing.

Anyone who could assist in the recovery of the case and/or its contents is asked to please let Bro. J. H. Moore of 7 Hatley Road, Bitterne, Southampton SO2 5NW know.

(Grand Secretary's office would be pleased to take any telephone message(s) to assist in the recovery and return of the effects).

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The BQJ extends to Bro. A. E. Beesley 'Dick' ROH Grand Primo 1971 our deepest sympathies on the death of his wife, Dolly, after a long illness.

In reply to the article published under the Hope & Prosper Lodge No 115 submitted by the C. Secretary Bro Les Spooner ROH in the Spring '87 edition of the Journal, it is now advised that a number of letters have been received on the subject, none of which give support to Bro Spooner's contention that the 'trivial mistake' could have been rectified at Grand Lodge Office thereby avoiding all the expense incurred. Subscribers are quite adamant that the matter was quite properly the fault of the originators of the paperwork, and in no way could Grand Lodge Office be faulted because of their insistence in conforming to rule.

(Correspondents are thanked for their submissions but this must be the final word on this particular subject with respect to the BQJ).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

With further reference to the article from Bro A Palmer P.G. Sec. South Pembrokeshire PGL in the Spring '87 edition of the BQJ (page 24) it is now recorded that the Barry & District PGL referred to, is that of the Province under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England Limited Banner, our apologies are extended for the omission in the original report, but again our sincere thanks are are extended to that Banner for their generous assistance in the project. It likewise clearly emphasises that there are no boundaries where the willingness to assist those less fortunate are uppermost.

MID CORNWALL AT IT AGAIN
Buffs Boost For Three Charities

The following is an edited report from a local 'house magazine' outlining the efforts of Brother Ken Dyer KOM, Provincial Grand Primo for 1986.

"Just coming to the end of his year in office as a Provincial Grand Primo in the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes is Ken Dyer, a Foreman in ECCI Drinnick Main Stores, at Nanpean, near St. Austell. Ken has worked in stores at Drinnick for 35 years.

The RAOB, known as the "Buffs", is a society and Brotherhood that exists to work on behalf of the less fortunate in life. As an organisation it is virtually worldwide, with its 252 Provinces extending into most countries. Within the Provinces, members belong to Lodges, and there are 20 of these in Ken's Mid Cornwall Province. He is a member of the Grenville Lodge at Nanpean.

After joining about seven years ago Ken is now a Knight Order of Merit within the organisation.

During his time as a Provincial Grand Primo Ken has organised events and worked generally to raise a sum for charity that he anticipates will be well over £2,000 by the end of the year, and which may be approaching £3,000. It will be divided between a multiple sclerosis fund, the Buffs' own widows and orphans charity and a Nanpean local organisation, the Good Companions Group."

(Well done Ken, the public relations exercise is certainly prevalent in your 'country'; Sorry, photo quality from cutting unsuitable for reproduction in BQJ—Ed).

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CONGRATULATIONS TO A CENTENARIAN

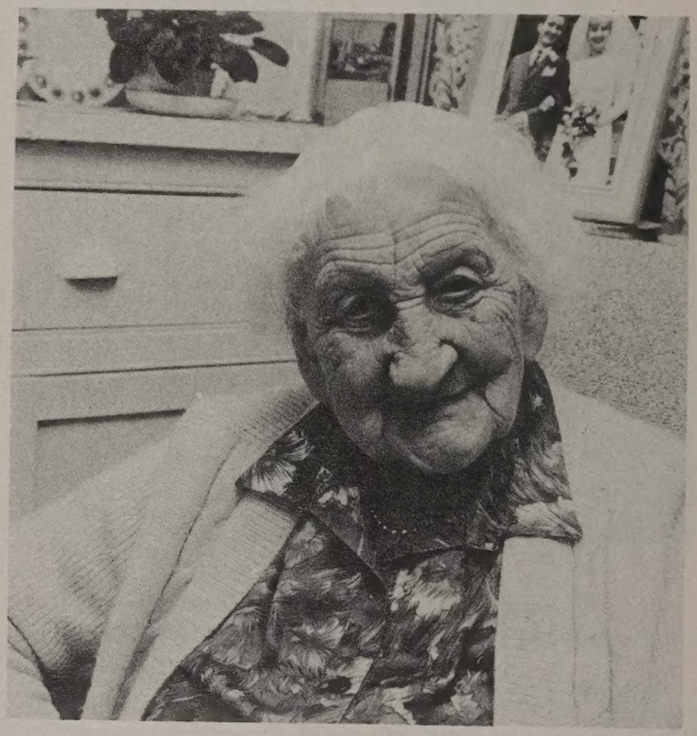
The Model Lodge No. 2171 of the Salisbury Province recently had a very special regalia visit to make. The occasion was to take greetings and gifts to one of 'theirs' in the person of Mrs Amelia Bailey who had reached the age of 100 years on 21st April, 1987. Mrs Bailey had been widowed since 1954 when her husband Brother Arthur Bailey passed away. The Lodge has been closely involved in her welfare since her hubands decease.

On her birthday she had her family around her, and many gifts were given to her; it was her joy also to receive a greetings telegram from HM the Queen. Mrs Bailey was able to read all her greeting messages without glasses, and does her own cooking and cleaning.

The Model Lodge think her a very remarkable person. The local Press were in attendance on 'the day' and acknowledgement is recorded to allow the use of the photograph.

Bro. John Spencer ROH, Model Lodge No. 2171, Salisbury PG Lodge.

Our congratulations also to Mrs Bailey. I am sure another 'Lady' who has the same birthdate shared her 'big guns' going off with Amelia in mind—Ed).



Mrs. Amelia Bailey.

THE JOHN BARRON APPEAL

Bro John Barron a young Brother of 32 years of age is suffering from Multiple Sclerosis and can only get about by the use of a wheelchair. He was using a hand powered chair Mark I, but through the good work of his Lodge, the Monument Lodge No 10112 and other Lodges within the North Durham Province and a little outside help, the sum of £1,800 was raised in just over seven months to acquire for Bro John a super-duper electric wheelchair. So if by any chance any Brother ventures to visit Geordie Land watch out for your toes, Bro John is lethal—but a happy Buff. We record our sincerest thanks for all the help given.

Brother M. O'Leary KOM, C. Secretary,
Monument Lodge No 10112, N. Durham P.G. Lodge.

WEST CORNWALL PROVINCE ASSISTS RHEUMATOLOGY UNIT

The 1986 Provincial Grand Primo Bro Jack Woolcock Appeal was in aid of The Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro, Rheumatology Unit.

The marvellous amount raised was presented to Dr Anthony Thould, on April 24th at a function organised by the Victor Roderick Lodge at the Penryn RAOB Club. In the absence of Bro Woolcock, ROH who was confined to bed by illness, the cheque was presented by Bro Clive Miles, ROH, Dr Thould thanked the assembled Lodge representatives and expressed his surprise and delight at the size of the cheque, adding that it was thanks to such generosity that the hospital possessed one of the best rheumatology units in the country.

The cheque presented was for over a thousand pounds, this was raised by the Lodges of the West Cornwall Province in response to the 1986 appeal.

The photograph shows Dr Anthony Thould (left) receiving the cheque from Bro. Clive.

Bro J. Woolcock, ROH,
Victor Roderick Lodge No 4351,
West Cornwall P.G. Lodge.

A DOUBLE FOR BEDFORD

It is with pride and pleasure that I report that 1987 is marked with two major anniversaries within this Province.

In February the Coronation Lodge No 7390 celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a Buffet Dance to which Brothers of local Lodges and their Ladies were invited. The guest of honour was the Provincial Grand Primo Bro Don Hope ROH. One member surprised the Lodge by coming all the way from Cornwall for the party, he is 88 and has been a member of the Order for over 50 years. His sense of humour is still as dry as ever and is still enjoying the depth of companionship that the Order brings.

More recently the St. Leonard's Lodge No 1601 marked their 75th Birthday with a Dinner. Again the longevity of Brothers' service was noted by the fact that two of the regular attending Brothers have 90 years of worthwhile service between them.

M. L. S. Williams, Public Relations Officer,
Bedford and District P.G.L.

A NIGHT OUT WITH ONE AND ALL

A Social evening, arranged by the One and All Lodge No 9854 and supported by 17 other Lodges in Mid Cornwall Province, also the Knights Chapter and the Roll of Honor Assembly, was held at the Members Pavilion, Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge. The object of the evening was to thank Bro Bill Mannell, ROH, who was retiring from the position of Provincial Grand Secretary, after serving the Province in that capacity faithfully and loyally for 25 years.

The evening started with a "This is your Life" for him. First to enter was his daughter, son-in-law and children, followed by his son, daughter-in-law and children. Then old wartime R.A.F. pals, one of whom lives locally, the other from Salisbury. Then followed someone known to many of us, his old Buff pal and his wife, Bushy and Daphne Pellet from Maidstone, and numerous friends.

Past Provincial Grand Primos were asked to pass a few comments regarding anything special or amusing concerning Bro Bill during their year of office, which also helped to make up the book.

Bill's good lady Nancy was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a watch, and thanked for all the support she had given, not only to Bill but also all she has done for the Province over the years

An evening we hope that Bro Bill will never forget,and once again our thanks for his services for a quarter of a century. The raffle held during the evening realised the sum of £80 and was presented to the P.G.P. for his appeal fund.

Our photograph from left to right shows Bro J. Eaves, ROH, President of the Roll of Honor Assembly presenting Bro Bill with a cheque. Bro E. Myers ROH, President of the Knights Chapter presenting a bottle of whisky and Bro K. Dyer, KOM, Provincial Grand Primo presenting a music centre.

Bro H. Dalzell, C.P. Scribe, Mid Cornwall Province.

'WHAT'S IN A NAME'?
WE SHOULD LIKE TO HEAR
OF ANY UNUSUAL LODGE NAMES

LODGE TWINNING

A LINK OF PRINCES

Inspired by the article on 'Twinning' in Summer issue of the Journal and responding to your wish to hear more on the subject, this Lodge, the Prince of Wales Lodge No. 3500, has tasked me with describing how we and our namesake, The Prince of Wales Lodge No. 3062 of neighbouring Province Leeds have adopted this rather special way of strengthening the bonds that already unite Buffaloes universally.

These Lodges have been twinned, to the mutual pleasure of both since July, 1985 when the alliance was cemented by the ordering of a combined jewel displaying the motif of the Prince of Wales Feathers and bearing the name and number of each Lodge, one on the upper and one on the lower bar.

The success of this venture lies largely to the credit of the Leeds Brethren who, later that year, in an act of pure Buffaloism, further strengthened the ties by presenting our Lodge with a trophy they named the 'Friendship Cup' on the understanding that we should hold it for six months and then present it to another Yorkshire Lodge asking them to do the same, this process to continue. Each receiving Lodge is required to engrave the cup with the Lodge name and date of receipt before passing it on, thus providing for a unique and recorded affiliation between Lodges throughout the County. By latest report it is doing just that.

As may be imagined, this handsome gesture led to many a fraternal and convivial exchange of visits. We firmly believe that, although the coincidence of Lodge name provided the catalyst, it was the kindred spirit of all concerned that gave rise to this happy state of affairs.

We of York know that our 'twin' in Leeds join us in hoping that this article, if published, will provoke other Lodges into adopting similar affiliations such that can only be for the benefit of the Order in the future.

Bro. C. I. Phipps, C. Sec, Prince of Wales Lodge No. 3500, City of York PGL.

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A REAL PIED PIPER

The Pied Piper Lodge No. 10332 has a Brother worthy of recognition in the person of Bro. John McMillan. Bro. John, during 1986, raised the sum of £10,000 for the Farnham Road Hospital, Guilford, Surrey. The monies will be used in the provision of comforts for Psycho Geriatric patients and was amassed by various fund raising activities carried out with the help of many willing hands. Bro. John was recently presented with *two* certificates for his outstanding efforts by the local authorities. Personal acknowledgement was also given by Dr. Hampson, the District General Manager of the group.

This year Bro. John's efforts are to obtain further monies to take patients on trips to the coast and also to go towards funds to be used in the redesigning of the hospital wards.

Bro. R. Chapham KOM, PGP, Pied Piper Lodge No. 10332, Guilford & District PG Lodge.

HOSPITAL GIFTS FROM NUNEATON

Members of the Nuneaton PG Lodge recently handed over for the use of the patients at the Bramcote Hospital a television set. In accepting the gift the Senior Nursing Manager expressed heartfelt thanks to all members who had so generously donated towards the gift which would give hours of pleasure to many patients. The set was handed over by Bro. Harold Deeming PPGP of the Province. On another occasion a visit was made to Caldwell Grange, Donnithorn Avenue, Nuneaton, a residential home for the aged. There Bro. Andy Valentine handed over a cheque for the sum of £80.00 from his own Testimonial Fund. The members visiting were pleased to find another member of the Order in Bro. Fred Daniells CP who was initiated in 1922. Bro. Fred was permitted to make the presentation to the Officer in Charge of the Home who thanked the Nuneaton Brethren for their magnificent gesture. A social evening followed the presentation, when a good time was had by all.

The photograph shows Bro. A. Valentine ROH with the cheque and Bro. Fred Daniells CP (right).

Bro. H. Kemp, PG Secretary, Nuneaton PGL.

(Regret Bramcote Hospital newspaper cutting photo quality not suitable for reproduction—Ed).

THE M.W.P.

EDUCATIONAL MERIT

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CELEBRATING A FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Teviotdale Lodge No. 10417 held their first anniversary Dinner/Dance recently at the Burnfoot Community School Centre which was attended by representatives from many Lodges within the Edinburgh & East of Scotland area.

The evening commenced with the introduction of the Provincial Grand Primo who, after an excellent meal gave the principal toast of the evening 'The Teviotdale Lodge'. The reply being given by Brother C. Turnbull P.P.G.P.

Dancing was to the music of the 'Desperados' a country and western group. The raffle revenue for the evening was donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Fund, a fund which has by the efforts of all members now reached over £1,100. Brother H. Matear was presented with a Braille watch during the evening as a result of an application to Grand Lodge from the fund especially subscribed for the purpose. Amongst the many things the Teviotdale Lodge have been involved with over the past year have been for the acquisition of an electric wheelchair; Cot Deaths Action Group, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Karate Club, Boxing Club, and both Children's and Senior Citizens groups, the Denholme Bonfire Appeal and the British Legion.

Events taken part in covered Half Marathons, Pram Races, Legion Street Fayre and the local, Armistice Ceremony. Visits to other Lodges were made to Berwick, Brampton, Edinburgh, Musselburgh, Gorebridge, Trannent, Glasgow, and Kirk Liston. Social events patronised were Halloween, Bonfire Night, Family Day, Senior Citizen's and Kid's Xmas Parties and Ladies' Night.

Submitted by Brother J. Battern,
Teviotdale Lodge No. 10417,
Edinburgh & East of Scotland P.G. Lodge.

(For a new Lodge you have done exceptionally well and are to be congratulated, but take care and don't overreach yourselves—Ed.).

READING— 'MARATHON' LODGE

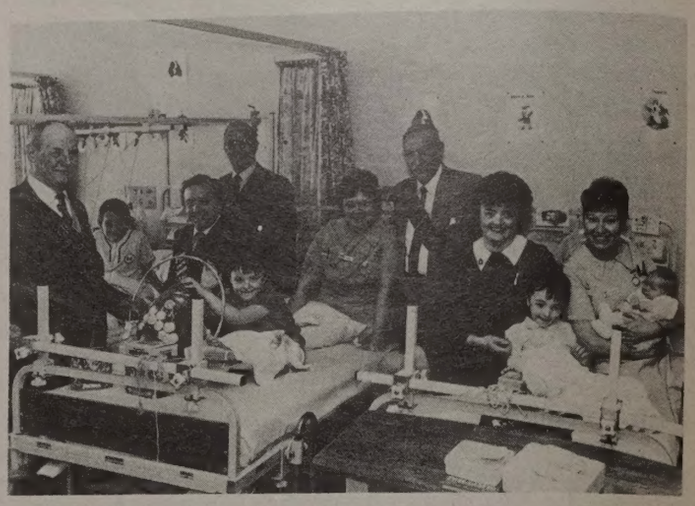
Bro. Arthur Weller PG Primo of Reading and District PG Lodge saw the result of his appeal in 1986 being presented to the Dellwoods Hospital new interim Kidney Unit. Bro. Arthur, through his unstinting efforts, together with his many friends in and out of the Order raised the magnificent sum of almost £3,000 to purchase a kidney machine for use in the new unit. At the presentation of the cheque to Dr Ramesh Naik (Consultant) at the RAOB Club, Reading in March of this year, Bro. Arthur told of the many efforts by one and all; he particularly highlighted the efforts of his own Lodge the Richard Harrison Lodge No. 5177 who held a 'Marathon Lodge' for two days, when over 200 registrations were received when many GL Officers of this and other years were in attendance. The provision of new kidney machine equipment will now allow many patients to receive treatment locally instead of having to travel to Oxford.

Bro. M. Head ROH, PRO, Reading & District PGL.

(Sorry, but the newspaper cutting photograph could not be reproduced; the quality was unsuitable—Ed).

AN EGG-CERCISE FROM SOUTH DURHAM

On Easter Saturday Bro. G. E. Craggs ROH PPGP South Durham Province presented a giant Easter egg he won in the South Durham Province Social Service Easter draw to the children and staff of the Childrens Ward B, Hartlepool General Hospital. The ward Sister Mrs. Jennifer Atkinson being the daughter of Bro. J. H. Williams ROH Grand Chamberlain 1986.



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Bro. T. H. Craggs CP, Garrick No. 3 Lodge No. 124, South Durham Province.

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MEMORIES

It's strange that reading a letter in the Journal triggers a reaction from a Brother who would never normally consider writing to you, but the letter from Bro. R. Moore KOM in the Spring Edition—in which he asks you about the uniqueness of a ceremony where four Brothers are raised together—brought back vividly to my memory the very special occasion in which I had great pleasure in raising *six* Brothers to the 3rd degree in one ceremony, on Wednesday 6th August, 1969; it was further pleasurable that two of those Brothers are my blood brothers as well.

The local newspaper carried an article and a photograph of the event which also referred to the fact that the same six Brothers were all raised to the second degree on 25th May, 1969.

I offer my congratulations to the four Brothers referred to in the letter from South Wirrall, also to the PGP who performed the ceremony, and hope that the night itself was a success and his memories of this special occasion stay long and fresh in his memory, as do those of the night I had return to mine.

Bro. N. Halliday ROH, Catmose Lodge No. 5924, Rutland PG Lodge.

'And the Rains came' BUT 'The Show must go On'

The Grove House Garden Party was held on Saturday 18th July and it was a very special occasion, celebrating as we were the 60th Anniversary of the opening of Grove House.

Organising this annual event were the members of the Yorkshire Social Committee, many of whom spent the night under canvas prior to the opening, 'guarding' the beer supplies and erecting the stalls.

Sadly they were awoken on the Saturday morning by the sound of driving rain, to find the beautiful Harrogate grounds awash.

Fortunately, an additional marquee had been made available for the purpose of some evening entertainment, which was to be carried out by the Concert Party from the Templenewsam Lodge No. 4471 from Leeds. It was decided in order to avoid a complete wash-out that as many stalls as possible would be put under canvas. The show was under way.

The afternoon musical entertainment was provided by the Silver Prize Brass band from Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield, who, following the Official Opening Ceremony by the Grand Primo (Bro. W. L. Hirst ROH), delighted one and all with a splendid performance of the 'Grove House March', the score of which had lain in the archives for more than half a century.

The licensed bar was provided by the Tow'd Waggin Rooad Lodge from Barnsley whose members did a splendid job quenching the thirst of visitors and workers alike. A potted version of the Black & White Minstrels was performed by Bro. Joe and Audrey Harrod on the site of the Grove House barbeque.

The 'Tug-o-War' competition organised by the Stockton Province was won by the 'Coopermen' (team coach Bro. G. Cooper, South Durham Province). The Grand Secretary who was seen wandering about the grounds in an old time policeman's helmet (was he representing the Grand Constable's Club?) was awarded a special certificate as winner of the fancy dress (adults section) competition, the runner up being Bro. Walter Marriott (Wombwell) whose Long John Silver in its Treasure Island setting would certainly have come much closer but for the fact that his parrot suffered from 'wet rot' and keeled over.

Also featured this year was a Marathon Lodge, which was opened by the Grand Primo and ran for some six hours without a break, with a motley assortment of Worthy Primos (we hear). The donation from this Lodge amounted to £324.00 which was handed to the sponsors of the Garden Party. Souvenir programmes for this event can still be obtained.

As usual, a stalwart figure and tireless worker was the Matron of Grove House, Mrs Margaret Brown, who with the help of her ever willing staff kept the crowds well victualled during the day.

The day ended with a curtailed performance from our Templenewsam Lodge Concert Party, who had suffered their second washout of the day. To a small but appreciative audience they entertained us with a variety of songs and sketches, performed within the precincts of Grove House itself.

Fatigue finally won the day and the proceedings ended at around 8.00 p.m. The prevailing conditions had not dampened the spirit—the show had gone on.

The official attendance figures are not known at the time of print, but an estimated 1,500 visitors crammed themselves into Grove House and the two marquees to escape the worst of the elements.

Special thanks are recorded to those so far mentioned as well as the South Wales Social Committee, Midland Counties Social Committee, the PGLs of Birkenhead, Lancaster, Mansfield, the Isle of Man and all those too numerous to record who have helped during the year.

The verdict—we will leave that to those who attended.

G. Newham ROH, GLO 1983, Secretary Yorkshire Social Committee.

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RAOB MUSEUM

Garden Party Day saw the official opening of the RAOB Museum by the Grand Primo during the afternoon. In opening the Museum the Grand Primo gave mention to the fact that it was sixty years ago that the property we know affectionately as Grove House was acquired. He felt that the siting of the Museum in headquarters was another cornerstone of GLE history and enjoined every member of the Order to make an effort to visit this fascinating exposé of Buffalo artifacts covering many years and showing several generations of style and artistry in Regalia and Jewels used in the fraternity. The Museum will be of immense interest to historians in the years to come and donors are invited to forward items of interest covering the Order.

The Grand Primo paid tribute to the several workers who had been instrumental in setting up the Museum and thanked the many donors who had so generously given exhibits.

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The Museum can be visited daily Monday to Friday between 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. by appointment. Applications giving day and time of visit should be submitted to the Grand Secretary 72 hours before, in writing. Saturday visiting can be arranged—by appointment.

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BROTHER MARRIES SISTER AND IT'S LEGAL

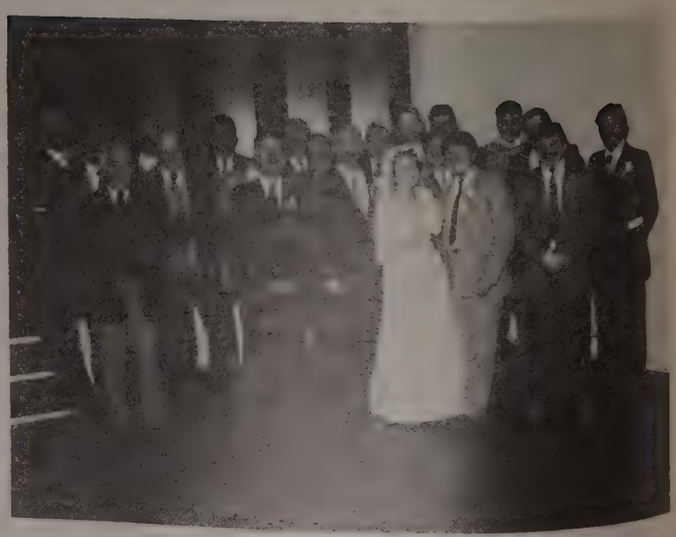
Brother Al Laurenson R.O.H. (R.A.O.B.) married Sister Eve Rank (Order of the Ladies Glades), on 10th January last at Market Rasen. The service was carried out by R.A.F. Binbrook's C. of S.F.C. padre the Reverend Kemp. Eve was given away by her father Brother Al Rank R.O.H., P.P.G.P. The best man was Brother Keith Forrest R.O.H. The ushers were Brothers Toby Foot C.P. and Dick Bridge C.P.

Eve and Al met last year at a party after Brother Alec Sievright's raising to Primo. Eve joined the Glades in April 1985 and Al was initiated into the R.A.O.B. in August 1975.

Eve and Al were supported by the Coronation Lodge, the New Holland Lodge and the Ferry Glade O.L.G.

After the reception in the home of the Coronation Lodge Eve and Al left for a rather frozen Jersey.

The photo shows the happy couple with many Buffs who were present at the reception.



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STANTON LODGE No. 5645

The Stanton Lodge No. 5654 of the North Bucks Province meets every Monday evening, usually with an average of 8 to 10 Brothers; but what a difference it was Monday 15th June, 1987.

That evening saw 104 Brethren attend and witness the exaltation of one of its Brothers to the Fourth Degree. The Bro. was Ted Warner KOM, PGP of the North Bucks Province. Amongst the Brethren assembled were Bros. J. H. Williams ROH, Grand Primo 1983 and the Exalting Officer for the evening, illustriously accompanied by supporting Officers E. Scantlebury ROH, Grand Constable, T. Wilmer ROH, GLO 1985, D. Dasanayaka ROH, GLO 1984, W. Reid ROH, GLO 1984, B. Newton ROH, GLO 1980 and Bro. Sweet ROH PPGP Mid Avon Province.

A total of 14 Lodges (Minor and PGL) were represented in the form of regalia visits. Two of the Minor Lodges from Wallingford, Oxon, were of special significance to Bro. Ted, in that the Kingspool Lodge was his Mother Lodge, and the Frank Mace Lodge of which Bro. Ted was a founder member. To keep this impressive turn-out rolling on, the North Bucks PGL had in its ranks 23 Officers, 10 of whom were PPGP's ranging from 1957 to date. Not to be outshone, the North Bucks Knights Chapter then arrived with 13 Officers present.

Bro. Ted's own Guard of Honour consisted of 16 Bros., four for each degree, from the various Lodges that he is a member of. The whole ceremony was under the direction of the Kt. Director of Ceremonies, Bro. J. Allen KOM, who had a very difficult task on his hands. Bro. Allen was commended on a first class effort.

The exalting Officer executed the ceremony in a very professional manner and rightly deserved the ovation he was given when he retired with Bro. Ted. After various presentations and 'toastings', the Grand Primo 1983 then spoke a few and encouraging words to the Brethren present. He personally thanked everyone for the decorum and the support he was given, especially by his supporting Officers. The Brethren present could not agree more wholeheartedly.

I have only known Bro. Ted for a very short time, but when I looked around the Lodge Room and saw the response to him as a man and a Bro., it was easy to comprehend why he had the turn out that he had.

I am sure I speak for Bro. Ted and the Brethren of the Stanton Lodge when I say to one and all who attended, a very gratifying and sincere thank you.

In concluding, there were many new initiates and young Bros. present that evening; they must have learnt something, as I am sure we all did.

Bro. M. Callaghan KOM, Stanton Lodge No. 5645, North Bucks PGL.

ANOTHER BEDTIME STORY

I feel I must put pen to paper to tell the readers of the B.Q.J. of the achievement of the Frank Hargreaves Lodge 5934 and the Harrogate and District PGL.

On June 13th, 1987 the above mentioned Lodge entered a team in the 22nd Annual Knaresborough Round Table Bed Race. For those Brethren who do not know what bed racing is I shall now clarify. A team of 6 slightly insane persons of the same sex propel a vehicle, vaguely resembling a bed, with a member of the opposite sex sat on it, around a 2 mile course in the streets of Knaresborough, which includes going up a steep hill, down a cobbled bank and eventually going through the River Nidd.

After many months of training the great day arrived. We assembled at 11.30 a.m. for the fancy dress parade down Knaresborough High Street to the start of the race in Conningham Hall grounds. Out of 68 beds (a record entry) which included teams from as far Germany, the RAOB team came a remarkable 12th in a time of 15 minutes 45 seconds. The race was won by a team from 'Vibroplant' in a time of 12 minutes 42 seconds just 6 seconds outside the all time record.

The team was sponsored and also a stall was run (well done Brother John Farrelly KOM and Brother Duncan Sunley). At the present time we have collected £950 with still more money to come, the stall raising £280 to be divided between the PGP appeal and the Lodge's Old Peoples Fund.

As one of the runners I would feel it very remiss of me if I did not thank certain Brethren, including Brothers Miles Flynn KOM, John Iredale KOM, Norman Threlfall KOM, Peter Walker KOM, Harry Stuckert ROH and anyone else who was concerned. The team consisted of myself, Brothers Andrew Millar CP and Dereck Brown,and three unenlightened gentlemen, Mr Gary Threlfall, Mr Nicky Lofthouse and Mr Mark Wilson and also the brave lass, Mrs Maria Millar (Brother A. Millar's wife), who sat on the bed for us.

Finally the race itself was broadcast over local radio and T.V. and also published in the local press. Police estimate that crowds of more than 40,000 saw the race on the day, getting us good publicity which we are always hearing about in the Order. We will be entering again next year hoping to win it and better this years sponsorship. Anyone wanting to enter a team in next years race should write to me at 11 Pasture Crescent, Knaresborough HG5 0PF and I will be happy to send details of how to enter. I have a VHS video tape of last years bed race if anyone would be interested in seeing it.

Bro. Nigel Threlfall CP, Frank Hargreaves Lodge No. 5934, Harrogate & District PGL.

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PREMIUM BOND WINNERS

James Cunliffe, son of Mrs Y. Cunliffe of Bacup, Lancs, has recently won the sum of £50.00 on one of the Premium Bonds bought for him by the RAOB.

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SECONDS TWICE AT WICKRATH No. 9355

The largest herd of Buffaloes to gather in the West Germany No. 4 Province for some time, descended on the Community Centre at Wickrath on Wednesday 10th June last to witness a Second Degree ceremony with a difference. Bro. G. Haywood ROH Provincial Grand Primo led the Officers of the PGL into the Lodge at 20.00 hours to conduct the Raising of two members, Bro. B. Marsden and Bro. W. Disney (yes, the W. does stand for Walt) to Primoship. In the presence of visiting Brothers from all twelve Lodges in the Province, plus one Lodge from Holland, the William K. Johnson No. 8696, one from Belgium, the Green Shield Lodge No. 9118 (Bro. Walt's mother Lodge). Both Brothers were duly Raised, and then the toasts and presentations got under way. At this point the proceedings took a different turn, insomuch as the last presentation to the two 'young' Primos was an iced cake. The cake was marched with honours into the Lodge by sword carrying Bro. S. Croot CP PGAJ and carried carried by Bro. N. (I made this) Howell, assisted by Bro. S. Piddock CP. As will be seen by the photograph the cake bore the letters RAOB, the two newly Raised Brothers' Christian names, the letters WP (from the WP's collar) and two Second Degree jewels all of which were made from icing sugar by Bro. Nick Howell. The two new Primos assisted Bro. T. Bauld, the PG Chamberlain's sword of office, and helped by Bro. T. Fearnehough KOM and Bro. M. Gordon KOM KDC cut and distributed the portions to all those in attendance. The Lodge closed with a link of 54 extremely happy and merry Buffs at 23.45 hours.

Bro. T. Maloney, C. Secretary, Wickrath Lodge No. 9355, West Germany No. 4 PGL.

NORTH BUCKS EFFORT FOR 1986

Bro. Don Marsh KOM, Provincial Grand Primo of the Province for 1986, decided that it would be nice if the Province followed the lead of other Provinces with a PGP Appeal. Finally after some minor problems the appeal got under way. To assist the project, Bro. Don, feeling that healthy competition was needed between the Minor Lodges, put up a Shield for presentation to the Lodge making the highest donations for the project, which was to be 'The Guide Dogs for the Blind'. After very keen competition the sum realised was £326.89p. The Shield was won by the Bletchley Park Lodge No. 5262 who raised the sum of £171.89p. The winners of the Shield were presented with it at the PGL meeting early in 1987; this Lodge also is Bro. Don's Lodge and he felt they did him proud. Bro. Don now expresses thanks to all who so generously contributed and worked for the appeal and hopes that a similar effort now contemplated by Ted Warner KOM, the PGP for 1987 will prove as beneficial.

Bro. G. Betty, PG Secretary, N. Bucks PG Lodge.

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WOT!! READING AGAIN!!

This is the first time I have written to the Journal, but I believe I owe it to the Brethren, the length and breadth of our fair land.

I am privileged to be the Provincial Grand Primo for the Reading and District PG Lodge, so I took the opportunity to run an appeal for Brookfields School in Reading. This school specialises in children who are slow to learn, as well as the mentally and physically handicapped; their ages range from 3 years to 19 years.

So why am I writing to the Journal do you ask? Well, the reason is to thank each and every Brother, their wives and friends who have contributed to my appeal, their response has been fantastic. Apart from all sorts of fund raising gimmicks from social events, draws, sponsored walks and suchlike, I have also with my very close friend Bro. MacHead undertaken the task of not having our hair cut, and in my case my beard additionally, for several months. Our 'hairy state' ended on 31st July last when the 'City Barber' performed his 'cutting' rights on us both to a packed audience in our RAOB club. There were many distinguished Brethren present including Bro. Stan Corfield ROH G.Primo 1986. This particular hair-growing exercise raised several hundred pounds. The sum of monies raised to date is in the region of £2,000.

I do give a very big 'thank you' especially to the lads of the Banks O' the Tyne Lodge No. 3406 (Whitley Bay and District PGL) for their kind generosity.

I will write again and tell you the final sum when my year of office has ended. Meanwhile, thank you all once again from the bottom of my heart.

P. Clements KOM, PG Primo, Reading and District PGL Lodge.

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ONE OF 'OURS' FAMILIES

The photograph shows the family of Mrs Audrey Eades, who have been on the books of Grand Lodge since the passing of Bro. Arthur Eades ROH.

Mrs Eades is seen with her three sons, Jonathan 15 years, Clive 12 years and David 9 years. She also has another son aged 27 years who has taken a Law Degree at Norwich University, this son does not live at home. Bro. Arthur Eades was a member of the Broughton Lodge No. 6490 (Worcester PGL) when he died in 1979. Bro. Arthur took all his degrees in his Mother Lodge where he acted for many years as City Secretary. He was very well liked and sought after for the excellent harmony he rendered in his own and many other Lodges he visited.

Mrs Eades keeps herself busy with the home and family and we of Grand Lodge are happy that in some small way we have been able to help in providing extra comforts through the generosity of those who contribute towards the funds of Grand Lodge.

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MONMOUTHSHIRE AT IT ONCE MORE!!

The Province has been very active during the past months celebrating the success of 1986. The Knights Chapter had a Dinner at Langstone, and in the RAOB Club in Rogerstone the PGL and Examining Council held their own affair, with a Dinner and entertainment by the 'Comedy Capers' Show Band. The ROH Assembly No. 50, not to be outdone, also held a Dinner event in the Club, on a subsequent evening. To complete the present round of social functions the Sir Douglas Haig Lodge No. 2509 held their Dinner with the support of the Duke of Wellington Lodge No. 3083 who together with a party of members and friends from Bristol made up a grand total of 112 people at the event. The Chairman for the evening was Bro. E. W. Powell KOM and the PGP was also present. Entertainment was provided by a group from Burnham-on-Sea and the catering was in the hands of Bro. C Watkins. Bro. R. Oliver was M.C. for the evening.

The Duke of Wellington Lodge No. 3038 held a Buffet and Dance at the Pontypool Hospital when two presentations were made by the Lodge. Bro. Nevil Taylor ROH PPGP presented a cheque for £960.85p to Mr Phil Taylor, head of Griffithstown 'Special Needs' Unit, the School has also received clothing and a washing machine. A cheque was then given to Mr Nevil Jenkinson (Gwent Blind Officer of the Blind Association) for the amount of £700. This sum will provide two books for the Blind. Mr Jenkinson had brought along a machine and gave a demonstration of the Blind book working. The local group have 700 machines available for use amongst 60,000 people that are handicapped. The machines mean that some users can read again, and it was highlighted that 8,000 books a day are dealt with from Wembley; these books are sent all round the U.K. The Pontypool Ladies Dart Team 'B' side gave £60.24 to the 1987 PGP Appeal Fund and were suitably thanked. The 'Double A' Road Show provided the entertainment for the evening. Bro. Sid Tankett was M.C.

The Douglas Haig Lodge No. 2509 made the 5th of May last a night to remember when two of their members were presented with Honorary Membership certificates. Bro. D. Dix ROH C. Secretary presented the certificates to Bro. Eric Osment ROH highlighting the activities of the Brother over many years in the Province. Bro. Osment has been the Lodge Treasurer for 30 years having taken over from his father-in-law who was in the office for many years. Bro. Osment was also the Funeral Marshal for the Province. The other presentation was to Bro. Ray John ROH, PPGP, PPExC, PROHA and PGL Trustee. These two Brethren are the first Honorary Members of the Lodge (only four others in the Province). To round off a very eventful night Bro. D. Preece presented Bro. M. Haggett with a First Degree Scroll & Parchment.

Bro. E. W. Powell KOM, Scribe, Monmouthshire PG Lodge.

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100 UP
AND STILL GOING STRONG

In March of 1987 the Royal Jubilee Lodge No. 165 celebrated its centenary. On the 29th of the month a presentation night was held; the compliant members were presented with commemorative jewels. The presentation was made by Bro. W. A. C. Hartmann ROH, G. Secretary. A most convivial evening was had by all and the Lodge was very appreciative of Bro. Bill's attendance. On the 31st the members attended a centenary dinner along with their good ladies and the guest of honour was Mrs. E. Wood. The evening was rounded off nicely by returning to the North Eastern Hotel where there was entertainment laid on and an extension till midnight. This, along with late transport home, made for a good night out.

As for some history of the Lodge, it was founded in 1887 in the Durham Hotel; 85 years later it moved to the Ward Jackson Hotel, the worthy host of this establishment being Bro. J. H. Williams ROH, PG Secretary, G. Cham. 1986. From Bro. Jim's place it moved to its present home where it survives to this day. For the benefit of the Brethren outside of Hartlepool all three public houses that have housed the Jubilee Lodge are/were in Lynn Street. So as you can see, 100 years in the same street is no mean feat. Over the years we have had our share of characters, the most notable being Bro. J. A. (Bud) Wood ROH. Bro. Jim was initiated into the Jubilee Lodge in February 1928 and until his demise in June 1986 was a compliant member. This gave him a total of 58 years and 4 months attendances.

Brother L. Shires KOM, C. Secretary, Royal Jubilee Lodge No. 165, South Durham PG Lodge.

WHERE ARE THOSE MANY 'TWINNED LODGES' WE ONLY HEAR TALKED ABOUT, PUT THEM INTO PRINT AND LET OTHERS KNOW

TWO OVER THE TON

The Brethren of the Pride of the Chase Lodge No. 2994 recently celebrated with one of their Brother his one hundred and second birthday (yes, 102). On 27th August last Bro. Sam Cooper KOM celebrated this milestone amongst many friends and well wishers in the home for the elderly where he resides in Lichfield. He keeps reasonably well but his sight is failing. It is not possible for him to attend his Lodge so the members frequently make 'Lodge' visits to him.

Brother J. T. Corfield KOM, PGP, Pride of the Chase Lodge No. 2994, Walsall & South Staffs PG Lodge.

(The BQJ extends best wishes to Bro. Sam and trusts that he will be able to spend many more years with the pleasures that Buffing gives him—Ed).

TROPHY PRESENTATION

Ye Olde Cleveleys Lodge No. 7059 of the Blackpool & Fylde Province recently presented a trophy to Bro. Frank Hargreaves ROH to recognise his 40 years service to the Lodge. At the presentation ceremony the trophy was handed to Brother Frank by the Provincial Grand Primo Bro. John Hayes KOM (also a member of the Lodge) with a few well chosen words of appreciation. It is intended that the trophy be used to promote inter-Lodge visits, the Lodge who pays a *regalia* visit can claim the trophy and Ye Olde Cleveleys Lodge members would then in turn visit the holders to claim the trophy back.

The photo shows Bro. Frank and his wife Betty receiving the trophy from the PGP.

Bro. R. A. Southwood KOM, PPGP, Ye Olde Cleveleys Lodge No. 7059, Blackpool & Fylde PG Lodge.

UNDERSTANDING THE ORDER

UTILITY should be the only standard of the judgement of the ORDER. To be useful is to contribute to the happiness of the members; to be prejudicial is to make them miserable. This granted let us examine if the principles established by the Order be prejudicial or advantageous, useful or useless to the Brethren.

A Brother accustoms himself to a lot of things, which at first must have affected him in a disagreeable manner, but which frequently end, either by converting themselves into wants, or by no longer affecting him in any way, or by being powerfully moved in the principle of curiosity, but then the most lively pleasures are always the least durable, and are those which exhaust him the most, so, we may be pushing a Brother too fast too soon, exhausting his interest too soon. Noting that the objects have not themselves sensibly changed but his reason, his disposition, his ideas, his way of seeing the Order have changed, such is the source of a Brothers inconsistency. If the same objects are not constantly in that state to form the happiness of the same Brother, it is easy to perceive that they are less likely to please all the Brethren or that the same happiness cannot be suitable to all.

It follows, that what is the object of one Brother's views, must be indifferent, or even displeasing to another, so no one can be capable of judging how to keep all the Brethren happy.

INTEREST is the object to which each individual, according to his temperament and his own peculiar ideas, is never more than that which each contemplates the need to his own happiness.

No one is totally without interests of sorts;—

The Miser—to amass wealth . . . . The Prodigal—to spend it.

The Ambitious—to obtain power . . . . The Philosopher—to enjoy tranquility.

Interest is only the motive of human action. Not one instance of his duration in the Order can a sensible and intelligent Brother lose sight of his own preservation or forget his own welfare, he owes it to himself to be happy, but experience proves to him that lack of assistance, left quite alone he cannot get all the profits of the Order that are available that he would like to possess. So he works in the Order along with the Brethren who are similar to himself, who are capable of assisting him in obtaining the objects he strives for; then he finds out that some of the Brethren he works with are not favourable to his ideas and views, but, when they find their interests are involved, his views are accepted, and conciliate the attachment to obtain the assistance of each other.

This is where we have in Lodges groups of Brothers who always sit together, if one proposes another one seconds, because they think alike. These cliques are essential to all walks of life because it is from the discussions held by these Brethren a basis is formed which can benefit a Minor Lodge, a Provincial Grand Lodge or even Grand Lodge. Some Minor Lodges have Brethren who are in total disagreement to the Brethren who stick together, sometimes we wonder, why? Is it because the other Brethren will not work the way they are thinking, that the proposals are not in their favour, or is it that they cannot or will not join the clique for reasons of their own? Sometimes money has a lot to do with it, but then again a Brother should never try to buy himself into a group, this is false, one should be honest and the only way to be honest is to work for your entrance, acceptance or reward.

GUIDED BY TRUTH — TRAINED BY EXPERIENCE — CONDUCTED BY REASON. Each individual would have sound motives to perform his duties and find real advantages in fulfilling them, for the bone of contention has no place in the body of our ORDER.

If all Brethren were contented, there would no longer be any activity in the Order, it is necessary that we should act upon good advice, it is our duty we should work, in order that we may have harmony; such is the course of our Order which consists of action.

Human society can only subsist by the continual exchange of those things in which man places his happiness and contentment.

If each individual was competent to fulfil his own happiness and satisfaction, there would be no occasion for him to congregate in any society or ORDER; but it is his wants, his needs, his whims, that place him in a state of dependence on others. The R.A.O.B., G.L.E. is nothing more than the union of a great number of **individuals,** connected with equal rights of mutual satisfaction to satisfy the wants of any Brother, the most happy man is he who has the fewest wants. Every Buff desires advancement in the Order and with advancement comes power.

Power is nothing in itself, it is useless to a Brother, if he does not avail himself of it to promote his own happiness and contentment, by increasing the harmony and happiness of all who are subject to his authority; it could be fatal to him as soon as he abuses it; it becomes sickening when he employs it to render others miserable; it is always the cause of his own misery, whenever he stretches it beyond the due bounds as prescribed by the Rules of the Order, by interpreting the Rules to suit his own ideas. In the case of interpretation of the Rules, an unjust definition produces discouragement in the heart of many Brethren; it is essential to correct any misinterpretation when it is observed.

When a Brother ceases to take experiences for his guide, he falls into error, and how do we gain experience? BY ATTENDANCE, and taking notice of what is going on. Many attend but for the notice they take of the proposals that are put forward, they may as well have stayed in the public bar.

As a regular visitor to Grand Lodge I have on several occasions asked delegates, (after the meeting) what was the result of the proposition put forward by a certain Province and how the Grand Lodge voted? Only on one occasion did I get a correct answer, or should I say that I got an answer that satisfied me, but in the other instances I got a vague reply.

Ref.:—B.Q.J. Winter 1984, page 16, lines 48 to 54, Brother Bob Philpott R.O.H., Aberdare Province. Also his letter on page 19.

Now to my mind, the conduct of many delegates is termed as childlike, the consequent prejudice that warps his mind, that prevents its expansion, other than being noticed as JACK the LAD, appears to doom him to continual error, destitute of experience, along with idle notions mixed with his knowledge, taken from the ideas of others who themselves are in error makes a dangerous mouthpiece to enlighten younger Brethren, or to bring forward propositions to alter working conditions of the ORDER.

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REPORT OF GRAND LODGE MEETING

Meeting of the Grand Lodge of England was held at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, on Saturday, 5th September, 1987

(The following is an abridged Report of the Grand Lodge Meeting prepared to assist Delegates to give their Report. They are not the Official Minutes, and must not be quoted as such).

OPENING

The meeting was opened by the Grand Primo Brother William Hirst R.O.H. at 9.30 a.m.

The National Anthem was sung.

OBITUARY

Members were upstanding in tribute to Brothers C. E. Pentlow (Kings Lynn PGL) and W. G. L. Sharpe (South Leeds PGL).

ROLL CALL

All Officers were present with the exception of Brother E. F. Scantlebury, Grand Constable, for whom an apology had been received.

APOLOGIES

For this meeting:

H. Desforges (G.P. 1964); A. E. Whitcher (G.P. 1957); M. T. J. Gale (G.L.M.C.); L. C. Lewis (GLO 1976); A. D. Wilson (GLO 1965); H. Vaughan (GLO 1954); F. R. Maskell (GLO 1981); R. Dobson (GLO 1978); E. Clowsley (GLO 1982); J. Burns (Aylesbury); B. Hodkinson (Devonshire); J. J. Wise (Reading); R. E. Davies (Canterbury); G. A. Whittaker (Halifax); A. Vasey (Wharfdale); J. W. Cutforth (Rutland); W. J. Davies (Bristol); S. A. Sanders (Altrincham); G. H. Gisbourne (Mid Avon); K. G. Hopkinson (Brighton); F. G. Waldron (North Bucks); P. Hall, S. Stoddart (Carlisle); W. J. Mannell (Mid Cornwall); J. Parrish (West Cumbria); J. Bevan, K. McDougall (N.W. Durham); F. Sear, W. Godley (Mid Essex); E. R. Carr, B. Whiting (C. & E. Fife); G. Andrews (Frome, Warminster); J. Limon (Grimsby); D. A. Harland (W. Herts); F. Guy (Jersey); J. Kelly (Keighley); C. Franks (Kent County); D. R. Roe (Kettering); G. Barlow, J. Beck (Lancaster); G. Brown, C. Phillips (London Eastern); T. G. Davies (Maesteg); M. Jones (N. Pembs); R. C. Langdon, K. Haydon, E. Williams (Portsmouth); P. Jarvis (Rhyl); J. Cutforth (Rutland); J. D. Wyburn (South Somerset); P. A. Jordan, L. McGorie, J. J. Wood, T. Whalley, D. Ashworth, C. Allbutt (North Staffs); E. Pickering, D. Russell (Stockton); P. Greenwood (Todmorden); R. Sanders (China); B. Pickup (Gibraltar); R. Alderton (9898 Andrew Grainger, GLD); W. T. Stagg (10193 Inyathi, GLD).

For June 1987 meeting:

H. Desforges (G.P. 1964); W.E. Barker (GLO 1985); L. C. Lewis (GLO 1976); S. Sanders (Altrincham); I. Cattanach (Angus, Perth); M. Furlong, M. Hunter, D. Graham (Carlisle); T. K. Rooke, R. Crawshaw (Dewsbury); K. McDougall (N.W. Durham); W. Robson (S.W. Durham); E. R. Carr, B. J. Whiting (C. & S.E. Fife); R. Allen, R. Pinnell (Frome, Warminster); T. Murtagh, A. D. Peers, S. Armitage, F. McCabe (Hemsworth); N. Callister (Isle of Man); K. Kelly, W. Welburn (Keighley); D. R. Roe (Kettering); P. Fell (Lancaster); M. Beck (S. Leeds); R. Howard (E. Lincs); S. Maddock (Oldham); K. Holmes, E. R. S. Allsop, N. Raw, J. T. Hughes, A. E. Buckman (North Wales); W. Brown (Wiltshire); C. M. Watkiss, G. Stacey (Worcestershire); F. A. Payne (Warwickshire).

The G. Primo having opened the meeting now informed the members assembled that he would be taking Item 21 of the GLMC report as the first item on that report. Prior to the acceptance of the previous minutes Bro. S. P. C. Eales (M. Cornwall) pointed out that an item which had occured relative to presentations made at the last meeting. The G. Primo in offering an apology to the meeting, would allow the item to be recorded for those minutes. Bro. R. C. Williams (Ebbw Valley) enquired why a motion previously submitted was not on the agenda. The G. Secretary extended his apology for the non-presentation and the G. Primo then confirmed the item would be placed on the next G.L. agenda. Bro. R. V. Tomkins (W.G. No. 4) referred to an item he wished to refer back, the item being a G.L. Convention submission for the Data Protection Act—the G.P. declined to discuss the matter but did indicate that it would be looked into. Bro. A. H. Palmer (N. Devon) asked if a statement would be made relative to rescinding a minute already confirmed. From this point a continuous stream of speakers spoke on the subject matter of Item 21. During the debate a call was made to have the Solicitors letters read out, there were some criticisms on this point. Subsequently a reference back was called for but this was not proceeded with. The matter became very emotive and several assertions were made. In all it was a subject which hopefully will be fruitful for the improvement of relations between many dissenting parties. During the debate a number of speakers did not clearly identify themselves despite many exhortions from the G. Primo. Amongst the speakers were Bros. J. Weston, T. K. Saxton, J. Farrelly, R. C. Killock, R. V. B. Nutbeam, L. Brown, D. R. Jones, P. McDonald. The item was finally finished by the floor proceeding to next item.

Following upon the discussion on Item 21 the G. Primo allowed Bro. J. W. Harrod (G.L. Trustee) to speak. Bro. Harrod read a letter he had already submitted to the G. Primo in which he outlined certain matters which had given him serious thought and to which he now felt that he could no longer continue in office and tendered his resignation from Office which would be effective from the election of his replacement Trustee. The G. Primo expressed regret that events had precipated such action and thanked Bro. Harrod for the many years of service which Bro. Joe had contributed to the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. G. J. S. Reeve (GLO 1982) also spoke on the resignation. Bro. Harrod then left the meeting.

GRAND LODGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT—SEPTEMBER 1987

Proposed by Bro. A. D. Whitelaw, seconded by Bro. B. Partridge.

(a) General

1. STAR OF THE SEA LODGE No. 5345 (GLD)

Application to amalgamate with the Harmony Lodge No. 10331 (Grand Lodge Direct).

GRANTED.

2. SALFORD PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Application for the Xlcis Lodge No. 8081 to change its name to Xlcis Viking Lodge 8081.

GRANTED.

3. DUDLEY & DISTRICT PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Appeal by Bro. W. Hargreaves against a decision of P.G.L. to remove him from the office of P.G. Minstrel following confusion in determining the fastest loser when the originally elected officer resigned.

NO GROUNDS FOR APPEAL—
P.G.L. ADOPTED INCORRECT PROCEDURE IN FILLING THE VACANCY AND A NEW ELECTION FOR A P.G. MINSTREL MUST TAKE PLACE.

4. MID. CORNWALL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Appeals by the Mount Charles Lodge No. 5559 and the Cresta Lodge 9112 against a decision of the Provincial Grand Lodge to confirm a Third Degree ceremony in respect of a member who had appeared in Court on a charge of fraud and was subsequently convicted.

APPEAL UPHELD—THE RAISING SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEFERRED PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE TRIAL.

5. MONMOUTHSHIRE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Appeal by the Duke of Marlborough Lodge No. 292 against a decision of the Provincial Grand Primo and Executive Committee in not allowing discussion at P.G.L. of a complaint concerning a member of the Order.

APPEAL LOST—LEGITIMATE DECISION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND PRIMO.

6. WREKIN (SHROPSHIRE) PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Appeal by Bro. B. Dunstan against a decision of the Sir Leonard I. Aulton Lodge No. 2897 on the subject of Annual Membership of the Lodge of a sick member and against a decision of Provincial Grand Lodge in supporting the Lodge's action.

APPEAL LOST—LEGITIMATE DECISION OF THE MINOR LODGE.

7. INVESTMENTS

The Committee has to report the following changes in the investment portfolio during the quarter ended 30th June, 1987

Fund	DATE Bought	DATE Sold	Description of Stock, Security or Bond		PRICE Buying	PRICE Selling	Profit	Loss	Comm. & Levy
J.C.G.F.	7.4.87		National Savings Income Bonds @ 12¼% RE J.C.G.F.		£6000				Nil
C.T.F.	7.4.87	26.5.87	7,500 Sirdar 25p ord.	@ 143p	10125	£10725	600		£269
	31.10.86	7. 4.87	6,240 Westland 25p ord.	@ 113p	5700	7051	1351		116
	4. 2.87	23. 4.87	15,000 Sound Defusion 5p ord.	@ 70½	8700	10575	1875		136
	23. 4.87		1,600 Thorn EMI 25p ord.	@ 656p	10496				135
	16. 3.87	30. 4.87	2,500 N.M.W. Computers 25p ord.	@ 425p	8050	10625	2575		136
	1. 5.87		2,500 Pleasurama'	@ 408p	10200				134
			800 British Gas Second Payment	@ 45p	360				Nil
J.C.G.F.			800 British Gas Second Payment	@ 45p	360				Nil
C.T.F.	19. 2.87	12. 5.87	7,000 ASDA MFI 25p ord.	@ 168p	11270	11760	490		142
	5. 2.87	12. 5.87	2,500 Storehouse 10p ord.	@ 304p	7875	7600		275	119
	12. 5.87		7,000 Hughes Food Group 5p ord.	@ 139p	9730				131
	16. 3.87	14. 5.87	2,000 N.M.W. Computers 25p ord.	@ 460p	6440	9200	2760		128
	14. 5.87	8. 6.87	6,000 Jarvis Porter Group 10p ord.	@ 173p	9180	10380	1200		263
	14. 5.87		8,000 Sinclair Goldsmith Holdings 10p ord.	@ 111p	8880				127
	20. 5.87		200 Rolls Royce 20p ord.	@ 85p p/p	170				Nil
	19. 5.87	26. 6.87	15,000 Common Bros. 1p ord.	@ 41p	6150	7650	1500		222
	26. 5.87		1,000 Guardian Royal Exchange 25p ord.	@ 955p	9550				130
	8. 6.87		9,000 Foster (John) & Son 25p ord.	@ 109p	9810				131
J.C.G.F.	10. 6.87		1,300 Rolls Royce 20p ord.	@ 140	1820				30
C.T.F.	23. 5.87	18. 6.87	5,000 Finlay (James) 25p ord.	@ 100p	4400	5000	600		83
	19. 2.87	18. 6.87	1,100 National Westminster Bank £1 ord.	@ 743p	7007	8173	1166		123
	22. 6.87		20,000 Sunleigh Electronics 10p ord.	@ 45p	9000				127
	26. 6.87		9,000 Foster (John) & Son 25p ord.	@ 121p	10890				140

Redeemed:—
J.C.T.F. £1000 City of York 12¼% Bond 1987
J.C.G.F. £1500 City of York 12¼% Bond 1987

8. GROVE HOUSE BUNGALOW

The Committee wish to report that the Gardener who occupied the Bungalow at the entrance gates to the Grove House property terminated his employment on 27 March, 1987, and ceased to occupy the Bungalow on 12 May, 1987.

No other employee of Grand Lodge having expressed an interest in occupying the premises the Committee has offered the premises to the Grand Secretary at a mutually agreed rent which will be subject to annual review. Details of the offer have been discussed with Grand Lodge Trustees who raise no objections.

Bro. R. J. Francis (Cambridge) asked if the rental premium could be disclosed for this letting. Bro. R. T. Lloyd (GLMC) replied that it had never been the practice of the various committees who administer on behalf of Grand Lodge to announce such facts and he asked that the same respect be accepted. Bro. W. E. Cooke (Plymouth) enquired if the G. Secretary would also be the gardener. An emphatic 'No' was the answer. There is still a gardener in the employment of Grand Lodge but he does not require to be housed in the premises now vacated.

9. PRESENTATION JEWELS

Following notification from the Manufacturers of an increase in the cost of Presentation Jewels the Committee has undertaken a costings exercise and advise that it is necessary to increase the charges for these jewels as follows:—

	METAL	SILVER
P.G.P.	**£22.00**	**£40.00**
D.P.G.P.	**17.00**	**32.00**
Pres. Ex. Council	**20.00**	**37.00**
Vice-Pres. Ex. Council	**18.00**	**35.00**
Secretary Ex. Council	**18.00**	**35.00**
President Kts. Chapter	**22.00**	**38.00**
President R.O.H. Assembly ..	**22.00**	**38.00**

These prices include V.A.T. and will be effective for all orders received on and after 1 October, 1987.

The item caused a number of voices to be raised and on being put to the floor it was finally REFERRED BACK.

10. CONVENTION 1988

Having analysed the costs of supplying credentials and supporting papers to Delegates attending the 1988 Convention at Folkestone, the Committee recommend that the Registration Fee shall be £16 per Delegate.

11. COSTING EXERCISE 1987

The Committee has undertaken a costing exercise for services provided by Grand Lodge and recommend that the following fees become effective from the 1 October, 1987, the commencement of the new financial year.

Initiation Fee payable to Grand Lodge	**£7.00**
Affiliation Fee payable to Grand Lodge	**£3.50**

DEGREE FEES	METAL	SILVER
First Degree Jewel	**£15.00**	**£23.00**
Second Degree Fee	**20.00**	**28.00**
Third Degree Fee	**22.00**	**34.00**
Fourth Degree Fee	**26.00**	**40.00**

The Grand Secretary in reply to a question that had been submitted in writing from a PGL, advised that after consideration by the GLMC it was decided that the item would be taken as a whole and not broken down into separate points for discussion.

Again as in Item 9 many voices were raised on the subject matter and on being put to the floor was finally REFERRED BACK.

12. GUILDFORD PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Request for guidance by the P.G. Secretary, on the matter of the initiation of a candidate into a Lodge of the Province and whether the Provincial Grand Secretary has the power to enquire about the answers to questions made as part of the ceremony before admission to the Lodge room.

NO—SUCH ACTION WOULD BE OUT OF THE INTENDED CONTEXT WHICH IS MADE AT THE TIME OF INITIATION AND CLEARLY DETERMINED IN RITUAL.

This was referred back from June '87 Grand Lodge and is re-presented by G.L.M.C. after re-examination of the case papers.

13. WHARFEDALE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Appeal by Bro. A. D. Mills against a decision of R.A.O.B. Club to re-instate Bro. M. Ellis as Club Secretary, the appeal being originally considered by the P.G.L. who upheld the appeal.

APPEAL UPHELD.

14. N.A.L.G.O. PAY AWARDS

The Committee has instructed the Grand Secretary to implement with effect from 1 July, 1987 and 1 February, 1988 the increased pay awards recently negotiated in respect of staff employed on N.A.L.G.O. pay scales.

There are two employees concerned and the increases authorised will be an extra charge on the funds of Grand Lodge of £352 to the 30 September, 1987, the end of the financial year. Being further increased to £1,444 in a full year.

Bro. J. Nicholson (Plymouth) pointed out that the printed matter did not equate with what was really happening, the Grand Secretary intimated that a clarified statement on this item would be presented for record purposes in the next agenda for G. Lodge in December 1987.

15. BURNLEY & DISTRICT PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Application to change the name of the Prince Albert Lodge No. 1943 to Prince Albert and Sir John Thursby Lodge 1943, consequent upon the amalgamation of the Sir John Thursby Lodge No. 4460 with the Prince Albert Lodge No. 1943.

GRANTED.

16. BOLTON PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Application to change the name of the Derby Lodge No. 6243 to Charles Rock Lodge No. 6243.

GRANTED.

17. FROME & WARMINSTER PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

The Committee received a complaint from the Sincerity Lodge No. 9582 on the conduct of Grand Lodge Officers at a recent investiture in "shutting themselves away" from members of the Order and their Guests.

After observations from Bro. J. Weston (GLO 1979) and a humorous comment from Bro. R. C. Killock (Kings Lynn) the G. Primo said that he felt enough had already been said about the points made by the

complaint, and he, the G. Primo, was sure that all GL Officers did and would continue to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the situation.

18. LEGACIES TO THE FUNDS OF GRAND LODGE

The Committee are pleased to report the receipt of the following legacies from the estate of the late Brother Clement Quarton Houlden of the North Wales Province.

£733.56 to the Mervyn W. Payne Educational Merit Awards Fund.

£733.56 to the Journal Children's Gift Fund (OURS).

19. AYLESBURY & DISTRICT PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Application by the Paramount Lodge No. 8151 to transfer to the control of the High Wycombe Provincial Grand Lodge.

GRANTED.

Bro. A. Mendy (Aylesbury) asked for a reference back on this item, he explained that correspondence from the Grand Secretary indicated that Rule 72(d) gave certain allowances/flexibiities within the boundary lines of the Province concerned. He went on to express the opinion of his Province that such flexibility should not allow a distance of nine miles within his Province boundary to be considered a flexible situation. The GLMC speaker Bro. W. S. Bull in reply stated that it was a principle involved and not the question of distance that prompted the decision to recommend that a Lodge moved under control of another Province. In this case both Provinces had agreed to the request of the Minor Lodge to move from control of one PGL to another; Bro. Bull further made the point that such a move from a Lodge within one PGL area who moves to another controlling body would not be permitted to move into another meeting place within the old Province area of control, unless proper application was made. Then all the pertinent factors would be considered and a decision made by the proper authority for submission to G. Lodge for action. The reference back was seconded and upon being put to the floor was NOT ACCEPTED.

20. VICTORY LODGE No. 6634—GRAND LODGE DIRECT

Application to transfer to the control of the Zambia Provincial Grand Lodge.

GRANTED.

21. GRAND LODGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 1987

Grand Lodge Management Committee would refer to the decisions of Grand Lodge taken in December 1986, March 1987 and June 1987, on the election of Members of the Management for 1987. Following representations made to them by legal advisers representing members of the North Devon Province intimating possible High Court Action against Grand Lodge and after consultation with Grand Lodge Solicitors, the Committee report the nomination of Bro. W. Dixon at the July 1986 meeting of the North Devon Provincial Grand Lodge was not inconsistent with the Rules of the Order.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF BRO. W. DIXON AT THE JUNE 1987 MEETING OF GRAND LODGE, IS NOT FILLED BY AN ELECTION AT THIS MEETING AND THAT THE VACANCY BE FILLED AT THE DECEMBER 1987 GRAND LODGE.

22. R.A.O.B., G.L.E. QUARTERLY JOURNAL

The Committee would refer to the position of Editor to R.A.O.B., G.L.E. Quarterly Journal and report that five members applied for the position, three of whom were invited for interview. One candidate did not attend. The Committee has decided to offer the appointment to Bro. J. N. Crump.

The G. Primo advised that Bro. J. N. Crump had accepted the position of Journal Editor.

Bro. J. Sharman (G.P. 1985) wished to ask a question re Bro. Crump, but the G. Primo declined to allow it, ruling that it was not appropriate at this time. Bro. P. Chiverton (GLO 1981) sought to establish if future reporting of the 'Digest' of the G. Lodge report would be equally favourable to all speakers and not biased in favour of GLMC speaker(s). The G. Primo replied that he saw no reason why such a situation should ever exist but clearly pointed out that the GLMC were the managing authority for the BQJ. Bro. E. B. Lyle (S. Lincs) also made comment on the appointment.

(b) COSTING COMMITTEE REPORT APRIL 1987

The Costing Committee at their meeting held on Monday 27th–Wednesday 29th April, 1987 reviewed the following and the appropriate graphs and Forecast of Costs for 1987 as per detailed sheets produced.

(a) Direct Charges at both Convalescent Homes.

(b) Income from Fee Paying Guests at both Homes.

(c) Renovation and repairs accumulative cost since 1978 and Forecast of Expenditure for 1987.

(d) Convalescent and administration wage costs.

It is apparent that the Grove House complex is under used and the intake of fee paying holiday guests should be encouraged.

In an attempt to attract more interest in this direction we recommend:

(i) A full page insert be placed in the Journal giving local features of holiday interest.

(ii) That pamphlets be obtained from the Local Tourist Board giving details of attractions in the area.

(iii) That along with the above pamphlets, details of Coach Tours and local bus services be posted on the notice board.

We discussed with the Grand Secretary various items which were implemented following past Costing Committee recommendations and we are confident that the changes being made are being closely monitored including the question of restricting overtime working.

Monthly Stock and Valuation

The value of stock held at Grove House is not fully entered and accounted.

The Grand Secretary is to take the matter up with the staff concerned and get the ledger rectified.

Stock in storage was not dated on receipt and we recommend that the dating of stock be implemented immediately.

COSTINGS COMMITTEE REPORT AND FORECAST OF EXPENDITURE 1987 GROVE HOUSE

1. Average expenditure on building renovation and repairs over the period 1978 top 1986 inclusive, as illustrated on graph =£34,912.33 per year:

Total expenditure =£314,211.00

2. Budget cost of anticipated building renovation and repair work during 1987.

(a) Re-wiring of Office	=	2,600.00
(b) Re-pointing external boundary walls including replacement of a number of stones and associated scaffolding	=£	6,800.00
(c) Erection of wrought iron railings adjacent to the gates (full cost is £1,760 but a 50% grant is available from Local Authority)	=£	880.00
(d) Re-surface rear courtyard	=£	1,864.00
(e) Remove top four courses and rebuild retaining wall outside dining room, re-point rest of wall	=£	3,350.00
(f) Installation of three traffic control ramps	=£	1,600.00
(g) Re-point gable wall at the East entrance	=£	968.00
Total	=£	18,062.00
(h) Contingency Sum	=£	10,000.00
1986 Total £42,385.00 Total	=£	28,062.00

Convalescent Costs including Permanent Residents 1986	=£	284,623.00
Special Grants	=£	10,015.00
Annuities	=£	55,575.00
		£350,213.00

Anticipated revenue from increased registration fees totalling 10p per registration =£203,000.00

Grove House

Convalescent Homes Direct Charge Account

Anticipated rise in costs 1.1.87 to 31.12.87 from £113,247 to £117,776 an increase of =£ 4,529.00

The York

Anticipated rise in costs 1.1.87 to 31.12.87 from £118,264 to £122,994 an increase of =£ 4,730.00

Total additional estimated charges covering Grove House and the York for the 12 months period 1.1.87 to 31.12.87 =£ 9,259.00

Staff Salaries

Administration Section from 1.1.87 to 31.12.87 from £114,549 to £119,130 an increase of =£ 4,581.00

Since the introduction of computers in 1983 savings to date on administration staff wages, which has been affected through natural wastage and non-replacements have amounted to approximately =£ 18,700.00

Convalescent Homes

Anticipated increases in wage costs

Grove House from 1.1.87 to 31.12.87 =£76,302 to £79,354 an increase of	=£	3,062.00
The York from 1.1.87 to 31.12.87 =£76,302 to £79,354 an increase of	=£	3,052.00

The York

3. Budget cost of anticipated building renovation and repair work during 1987

(a) Re-decoration of the Vegetable Store at a cost of	=£	140.00
(b) Half-panel and decorate basement passages	=£	2,370.00
(c) Re-decorate small lounge	=£	600.00
(d) Re-furbish Deputy Matron's bathroom	=£	500.00
(e) Installation of new sinks to the kitchen and wash basins in the still room	=£	938.85
(f) External re-decoration to Front elevation	=£	1,485.00
(g) Contingency Sum	=£	10,000.00
1986 Total £38,071.00 Total	=£	16,033.85

WAGE COSTS SINCE 1983

1983		112,879
1984		109,803
1985		110,824
1986		114,549
1987	114,549+4% (4581)	119,130

Wage Costs if number of Staff remain as 1983

1983		112,879
1984	112,879+5% (5644)	118,523
1985	118,523+5% (5926)	124,449
1986	124,449+5% (6222)	130,671
1987	130,671+4% (5227)	135,898

Wage costs if Staff remained as 1983 = 135,898

Wage costs of present staff = 119,130

1987 Wage cost savings due to staff reduction = 16,768

Wage Cost Savings Since 1984 due to Reduction in Staff

1984	118,523−109,803	=	8,720
1985	124,449−110,824	=	13,625
1986	130,671−114,549	=	16,122
AT END OF 1986		Saved	38,467
1987	135,898−119,130	=	16,768
BY END OF 1987		TOTAL	55,235

AUDITORS COSTS

	Revenue	Comp	WMA/SG	JCF	Total Charged	Based on 5% inc. Since 1984
1983	6,125	2,875	1,375	1,110	11,485	
1984	8,500	2,900	1,400	1,150	13,950	
1985	8,100	3,050	1,450	1,208	13,808	14,647
1986	7,050	3,400	1,575	1,409	13,434	15,379

Savings on 1986 1,945

Bro. S. Corfield (GLMC) rose to speak on the report and highlighted several areas of information relative to the aspects of finance relative to the homes. He pointed out that the presentation now made was an effort to place before the membership some general idea of various patterns of outgoings in connection with both homes. Indications of future forecasts of expenditure were illustrated and the graphs would enable a factual picture to be seen. Bro. Corfield made reference to the under usage of Grove House and asked that consideration be given to making better use of the facilities available, use should be made of local amenities in the district based on staying at Grove House and likewise make use of the facilities such as fetes, open days etc. Bro. J. Farrelly (Harrogate) enquired if

permission could be given locally for use by surrounding Provinces, the G. Primo answered by saying that the Grand Secretary was responsible for giving approval for such activities. Bro. R. V. Tomkins (W.G. No. 4) asked if the anticipated revenue from increased registration fees was likely to be a matter for Convention. Bro. Corfield replied 'No, that is how it is going to be'. The report was CARRIED.

N.B. GRAPHS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT ARE SHOWN ON PAGES x, xi AND xii.

(c) BENEVOLENT REPORT
Quarter ended 30th June, 1987

Proposed by Bro. W. Pilkington, seconded by Bro. D. E. Dassanayaka.

WAR MEMORIAL ANNUITY AND SPECIAL GRANTS

The death is announced, with regret, of 28 Annuitants.

During the quarter a total of 740 cases have been dealt with and the following grants are made:

157 Annuities to Members	3,391.25
485 Annuities to Aged Widows	9,915.25
13 Special Grants to Members	354.25
55 Special Grants Aged Widows	1,007.00
28 Special Grants to Widows with dependant children	537.50
	15,205.25
2 Ad Hoc Grants	380.00
	15,585.25

The number of dependant children is 39.

A total number of 159 children are currently receiving benefits from the Journal Children's Gift Fund (OURS).

R.A.O.B., G.L.E. EDUCATION FUND

Renewals at a total cost of Nil.

CONVALESCENCE

During the quarter ended 30th June, 1987 a total of 62 members have been admitted to our Homes, 32 to Grove House and 30 to the York. Additionally 10 dependant females and 12 married couples have been admitted to Grove House and 24 dependant females and 27 married couples admitted to the York. 16 cases were withdrawn at own request and 18 cases were not qualified in accordance with Rule. 1 case was not recommended by Medical Officer.

GROVE HOUSE

Matron reports that most patients appear to have benefitted from their stay this quarter. A few Convalescent patients required special diets which were observed. There were also some surgical dressings that required attention. All Permanent Residents appear to be quite well at time of report. One Resident had to be admitted to Hospital for hip replacement surgery and is at present quite satisfactory. There has been an increase in Holiday Guests this quarter and all appeared to have enjoyed their stay.

THE YORK

Matron reports that the majority of Convalescent patients have benefitted from their stay this quarter. Some required medical treatment but these were treated with success. Quite a number of Holiday Guests during the quarter. The Permanent Residents have kept fairly well. One Resident was admitted to Hospital for one week but is now back to his normal self.

HOLIDAY SCHEME

During the quarter ended 30th June, 1987 the following people have been admitted as fee paying guests under the Holiday Scheme:

	Grove House	York
Adults accompanying Spouse on Convalescence	5	11
Single Adults	8	16
Married Couples	6	15

(e) FINANCE

Financial Report for the three months ended 30th June, 1987

Proposed by Bro. E. Langton, seconded by Bro. J. E. F. Askey.

RECEIPTS—SCHEDULE 1

1986	Administration Fund	1987	
61,856	Stationery, Degree Fees and Sundries	45,068	
1,517	Postages re: Goods Invoices	1,500	
48,511	Dues	48,097	
11,124	Annual Membership Fees	10,582	
27,106	Donations: G.L. Benevolence	27,445	
250	Donations: G.L. Benevolence (ex. Ins. Commission)	—	
1,444	I.P.G.P. Appreciation Fund	1,916	
806	Diaries	439	
—	Fines	22	
544	For Disbursement	509	
—	Convention Accommodation Deposits	153	
—	Closed Lodges & Provinces Fund	162	
1,840	Value Added Tax	3,808	
164,652			139,701
	Comprehensive Trust Fund		
26,661	Investment Income	26,197	
776	Investment Income: Equities	700	
171	Deposit Account Interest	942	
4,131	Mortgage Repayments on Club Loans	3,467	
300	Club Rents	300	
1,650	Provinces and Lodges Investment Account	835	
175	Discounts	54	
92,493	Repayments/Sales of Investments	1,000	
46	Donations: Queen's Jubilee Fund	—	
126,403			33,495
	Convalescent Section		
10,634	Holiday Scheme	6,871	
102	Donations	605	
6	Donations: Covenants	6	
224	Telephone	415	
3,333	Residential Accommodation Fund	2,483	
1,055	Donations: Refurnishings Fund	—	
233	Value Added Tax	2,882	
—	Museum Fund Donations	10	
15,587			13,272

	War Memorial Annuity Fund		
332	Grand Lodge Registrations	497	
285	Grants Refunded	251	
2,660	Investment Income	3,912	
56	Deposit Account Interest	11	
3,333			4,671
	R.A.O.B., G.L.E. Education Fund		
107	Donations	244	
899	Investment Income	453	
1,006			697
	M. W. Payne Educational Award Fund		
—	Donations	203	
425	Investment Income	1,460	
425			1,663
	Braille Watch Fund		
115	Donations		3
	Special Grants		
32	Refunds	—	
239,738			193,502

PAYMENTS—SCHEDULE 2

1986	Administration Fund	1987	
1,800	Refund of Tax due on Insur. Comm.	—	
11,472	Jewels	12,236	
1,032	Jewel Cases	—	
23,289	Goods & Stationery etc.	20,498	
30,165	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance	30,084	
4,343	Postages	3,886	
1,634	Items for Disbursement	3,346	
3,247	Management Committee Expenses	4,563	
337	Grand Treasurer and Grand Trustees	544	
103	Hire of Committee Room etc.	361	
367	Administration Expenses	269	
—	Audit and Accountancy	750	
538	Telephone	178	
1,612	Sundry Expenses	1,359	
255	Journal Editors Expenses and Honorarium	177	
206	Repairs and Renewals	5,148	
—	Legal Expenses	1,640	
4,931	Value Added Tax	4,943	
5,750	Superannuation	7,079	
648	Lottery Prizes & Expenses	—	
627	Diaries	439	
92,356			97,500
	Comprehensive Trust Fund Convalescent Section		
2,023	Travelling Expenses	2,184	
6,063	Value Added Tax	969	
627	Residential Accommodation Fund	228	
95,928	Upkeep and Maintenance Costs: Convalescent Homes (Sched. 4)	68,024	
260	Holiday Scheme Refunds	—	
104,901			71,405
	War Memorial Annuity Fund		
13,696	Annuity Payments	13,437	
13,696			13,437
	Comprehensive Trust Fund Investments		
92,173	Investments	2,327	
4,512	Provinces/Lodges Interest	4,766	
200	Provinces/Lodges Repayments	200	
96,885			7,293
	R.A.O.B., G.L.E. Education Fund		
283	Grants	—	
	Special Grants Section		
2,368	Grants		2,149
	Braille Watch Fund		
141	Grants		19
—	**Malta Memorial Fund**		—
—	Grants		257
310,630			192,060

EXPULSIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

During the quarter a number of cases were dealt with which resulted as follows:

Total cases Expelled R70	16
Total cases T.O.M. R70	3
Total cases S.O.O. R70	1
Total cases Expelled	2
Total cases T.O.M.	7
Total cases S.O.O.	1

Of the total of **30** cases in the above list, **12** cases involved offences against the Order of which **6** were of a financial nature.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Bro. W. S. Bull and seconded by Bro. B. Newton (GLMC).

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) DERBY & DISTRICT PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

"That the cost of replacement parchments be reduced to £1.50".

Bro. J. Coppen (Derby) in putting the Motion forward highlighted that it had been many years since an increase in this item had been made, indeed the last increase in 1984 was the first for many years. He pointed out that a GLMC spokesman in Autumn 1985 had said that the installation of computer equipment would improve the efficiency and possibly reduce costs by the use of such equipment. It was now pointed out by Derby that although such equipment had been obtained and was now in use no reduction in costs of these documents had occurred, in fact they had been increased and Derby now feel that something should be done to halt such increases. The motion was seconded by Bro. G. Brough. Bro. J. Farrelly (Harrogate) spoke against the Motion pointing out that we should not be reducing costs and asked the floor not to accept the resolution. Bro. W. S. Bull (GLMC) also asked that the motion be turned down. In reply Bro. Coppen felt that with such a small item now being discussed could well be produced at a lower price. Bro. W. S. Bull rose on a point of order but the motion was finally put and NOT ACCEPTED.

9.(b) SHREWSBURY & DISTRICT PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

"That 'The York' Convalescent Home, RAOB GLE situated at Weston-super-Mare, be sold".

Bro. J. Weston (GLO 1979) rose to intimate that the present motion must be considered non-competent. He outlined previous business on the same subject. The G. Secretary was permited to quote the G. Lodge solicitor's written advice on the matter which had been obtained after the previous disputes and it was made clear that the usage of the word 'homes' must be considered both in the singular and plural context. Bro. J. Sharman (GP 1985) asked 'if and when' questions on the subject but the G. Primo advised that it would not be possible to answer such questions at this time. Bro. G. Johnson (Shrewsbury) in proposing the motion stated that his Province was not against convalescence for members, but felt very strongly about the continuing increasing costs in running the Homes. He went on to highlight a continuous rise over the years running into six figure numbers, and went on to suggest that a smaller unit be considered and asked for support to bring to an end this spiralling financial burden. Bro. R. C. Corriea (Derby) seconded the motion. Bro. J. Sharman (G.P. 1985) also asked the members to defeat the proposition. Bro. W. Cook (Plymouth) spoke on the necessity of keeping the home for the benefit of the members. Bro. J. Farrelly (Harrogate) supported previous speakers in asking to reject the motion making a number of points relative to the heritage of the Order. Bro. G. N. Hooker (Windsor) advised that his Province were fully in support of the motion and also quoted that he would not be less a member if he wanted to support the action now mooted. He went on talking about costs and membership numbers and felt that time was approaching when we will have to get rid of these major costly projects. Bro. R. T. Lloyd (GLMC) referred to the costing exercise presented this morning and clearly asked G. Lodge to oppose the motion. Bro. D. Haywood (Stourbridge) felt that the item now being discussed should not have been the last matter for discussion; it was a very serious matter and he felt that more time and investigation should have been forthcoming on such an important subject. Bro. P. McDonald (Hitchin) said he was in favour by reason of his very long experience in the field of convalescence and it was possible to enjoy convalescence at home amongst family and friends. Bro. R. Hall (Warwickshire) spoke against the motion also adding that he felt it was non-competent, what would happen to the Contingency Fund just recently implemented. Bro. W. Chadwick (Warrington) enquired what happened to the monies received from the sale of Claremont? The G. Secretary in answer told him that the monies were put into the Investment portfolio; Bro. R. Greet (W. Cornwall) had not intended to speak, was not in support of the motion, he was concerned with the fact that speakers were saying 'I' and did not appear to be speaking as representatives of a Province. He spoke of the commitment of the Matron and Staff at the York. Bro. D. Pryer (GL Trustee) felt we must give consideration to what we would be doing if any home was sold. He thought we should be taking a more professional approach to the running of the homes so that we could make a profit and indeed pay tax should such profitability arise. Bro. G. Johnson in winding up the debate again emphasised the point of obtaining a smaller home so that it would be a more cost effective unit.

The motion was put and was LOST.

MENCAP ASSOCIATION

The Grand Primo received Bro. Roger Gallately who was welcomed as Vice President of the MENCAP Association. Bro. Gallately thanked the G. Primo for his welcome and went on to give an outline of the good work of the Association. He went on to talk about the GATEWAY Clubs side of MENCAP who required substantial sums of money to continue the valuable work of helping those unfortunate sufferers. He now spoke on the competition which was receiving considerable support from the RAOB and thanked us for that support and asked for further efforts as far as possible to help this most worthy cause. The prizes to be won in the competition were of extremely good value and well worthwhile winning. He concluded by thanking the G. Primo for the privilege accorded him in being allowed to address Grand Lodge this morning.

PRESENTATION TO OUTSIDE PROJECT

The G. Primo welcomed into the hall Mrs. G. Pratt and Mrs. S. Grice, representatives of the Friedreich's Ataxia Group who were to receive the sum of £2,500 from Grand Lodge as the 1987 recipients of the Annual Donation to outside projects. In accepting the donation from the G. Primo the assembly were given an outline of the work of the Association in their activities in research. It was pointed out that the disease is particularly one where at present no solution can be found and patients get worse. But with the generous assistance of such organisations as the RAOB GLE and many more it is hoped that sufficient headway can be made to establish the possible cause of the dreadful affliction. With many thanks to all who had made the donation possible and advising that further information could be made available the ladies left the hall to applause.

ELECTION OF GRAND PRIMO FOR 1988

Only one nomination had been received for the Office.

Bro. A. L. Smith (Bath) proposed Bro. J. O'Keefe Deputy Grand Primo as Grand Primo for the year 1988; Bro. A. Dawe (GLO 1982) seconded the proposal. The G. Primo then invited the members to show their support for the proposition, which was done, and Bro. J. O'Keefe was duly elected to the office of Grand Primo and President of the Triennial Convention for 1988.

Bro. John rose to thank the members for their support and assured them he would do his very utmost in the coming year to show their confidence was not misplaced.

IMMEDIATE PAST GRAND PRIMO BROTHER STAN CORFIELD ROH

The G. Primo invited Bro. Stan to accept a cheque for the sum of £3,044.88p which had been donated from members in appreciation of the stirling work carried by Bro. Corfield during the year 1986. Bro. Stan in his reply thanked all the members and pledged his continued support and application to the principles of the Order. He would always remember his year of Office with great pleasure and pride and looked forward to even more opportunities of getting around to places still to be seen in the Buffalo world.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY GRAND PRIMO FOR 1988

There were 16 candidates who were all present for this election. Voting was as follows:—

First Ballot: There were 623 votes with no spoilt papers. P. Charles, 16; D. E. Dassanayaka, 21; W. J. Dixon, 65; B. R. Francis, 17; W. C. Gaines, 9; D. Griffiths, 34; R. Griffiths, 34; J. A. C. Kidgell, 20; T. A. Knowles, 14; R. T. Lloyd, 36; R. Marsh, 17; G. Newham, 64;

B. Newton, 126; T. K. Saxton 78; A. Walker, 14; A. D. Whitelaw, 58.

Second Ballot: There were 576 votes and 5 spoilt papers. W. J. Dixon, 88; G. Newham, 60; B. Newton, 208; T. K. Saxton, 151; A. D. Whitelaw, 69.

Third Ballot: There were 563 votes and 2 spoilt papers. B. Newton, 285; T. Saxton, 278.

Brother B. Newton was declared Deputy Grand Primo for 1988. Brother T. K. Saxton extended best wishes to Brother Newton and assured him that every support would be forthcoming for the year ahead. Bro. Bernard Newton made a suitable reply and thanked all those who had given him encouragement and assistance to enable him to achieve the Office to which he had been elected.

ELECTION OF MINOR OFFICERS FOR 1988

Some confusion arose in connection with the absence of Brethren whose names had been printed on the ballot paper. It finally transpired that three members were not present and should therefore be deleted from the ballot. The Grand Secretary then advised that due to internal omission a further name should be added to the list of eligible candidates; this was agreed by the floor. It was also noted that a Brother had an incorrect PGL against his name, this was corrected by announcement. The Grand Primo then invited the members to proceed with the ballot. This was done and the sealed box(es) were given into the care of the Auditor.

CONVENTION: FOLKESTONE 1988

The G. Secretary advised that bookings for the Burstin Hotel made through Grand Lodge would have the additional feature of allowing all those booked to have *full board* facilities without an increase in price.

Bro. A. Hirst (GLO 1985) asked that the best wishes of Grand Lodge be sent to Mrs Anne Hirst our First Lady who was shortly to enter hospital for further medical treatment.

The collection for G. Lodge Benevolent Fund amounted to £135.00.

The Grand Primo Brother William Hirst R.O.H. closed the meeting at 1.45 p.m. with 370 Delegates, 268 Ex-Officios and 142 Visitors having attended. Total attendance was 780.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

(For record purposes to assist those who record facts it is now advised that the attendance figures for the June '87 meeting should have read 344 Delegates (not 34); also apologies are extended to Liverpool PGL for incorrectly saying the Mersey PGL were the presenters of Pool Tables to the Homes).

THE NEXT MEETING OF GRAND LODGE

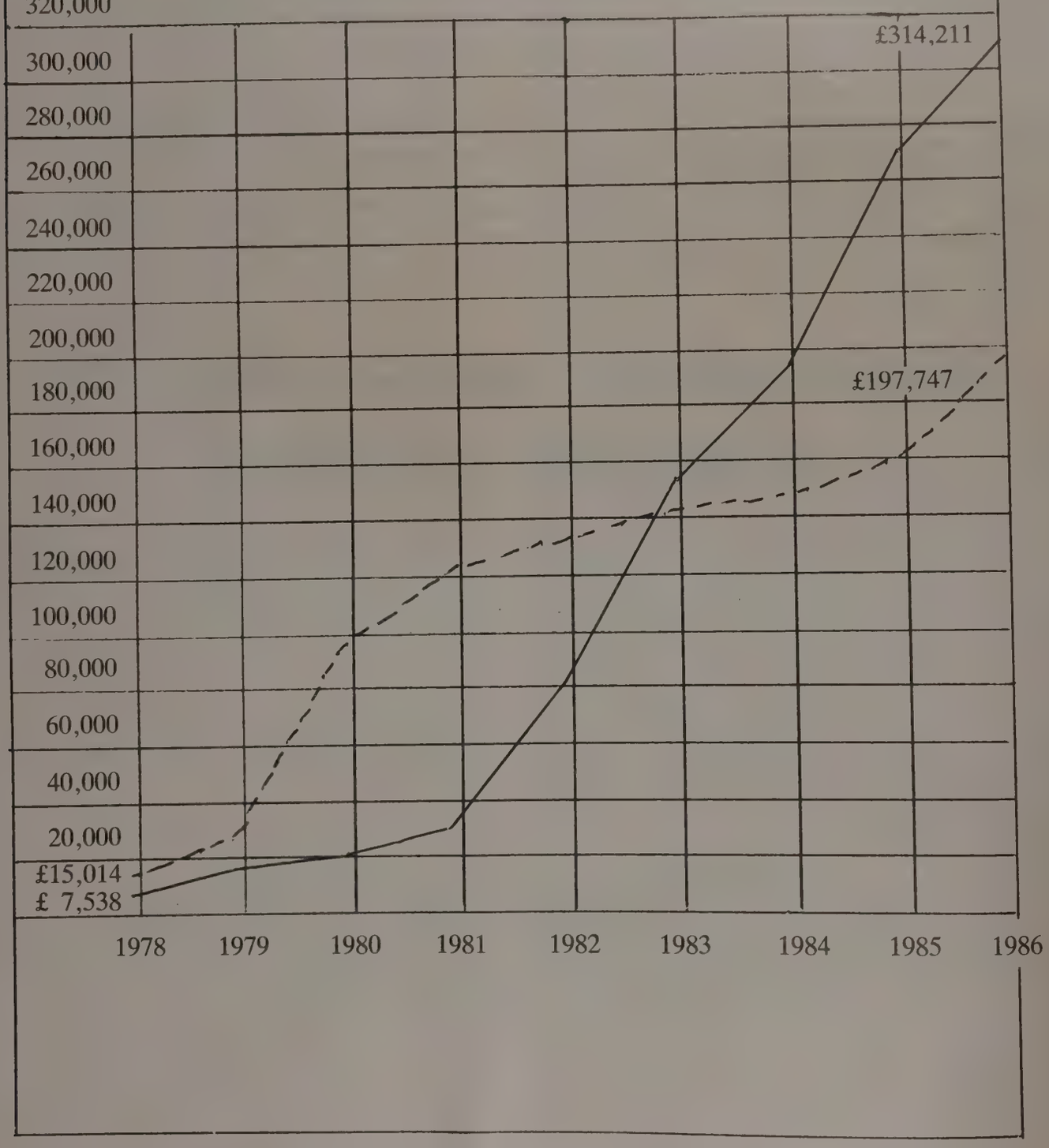
Will be held on Saturday 5th December 1987 at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield

*Come along and witness the installation of the GRAND PRIMO for 1987—**Brother J. O'Keefe ROH,** and the DEPUTY GRAND PRIMO for 1987—**Brother B. Newton ROH,** along with the other Officers of Grand Lodge.*

ACCUMULATIVE COSTS

CONVALESCENT HOMES BUILDING REPAIRS 1978-1986 INC.

CONTINUOUS LINE ——— GROVE HOUSE
BROKEN LINE — — — — THE YORK



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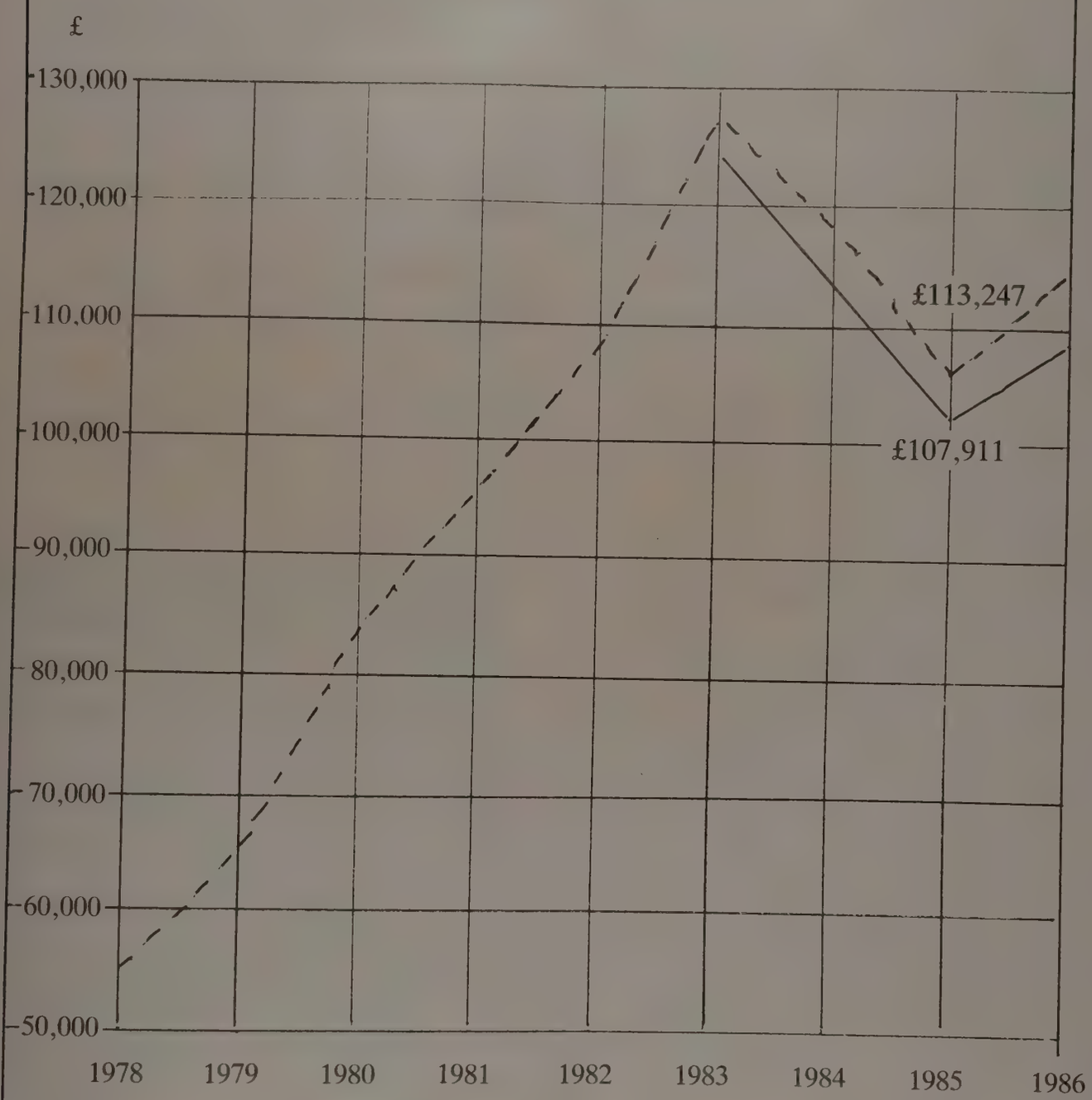

CONVALESCENT ADMISSIONS=176 HOLIDAY GUESTS=82
PERMANENT RESIDENTS=104 TOTAL=362

COST REDUCTION DUE TO FEE PAYING GUESTS INDICATED BY CONTINUOUS LINE ———————

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED 1983–1986 INC.=£18,296.

THE YORK

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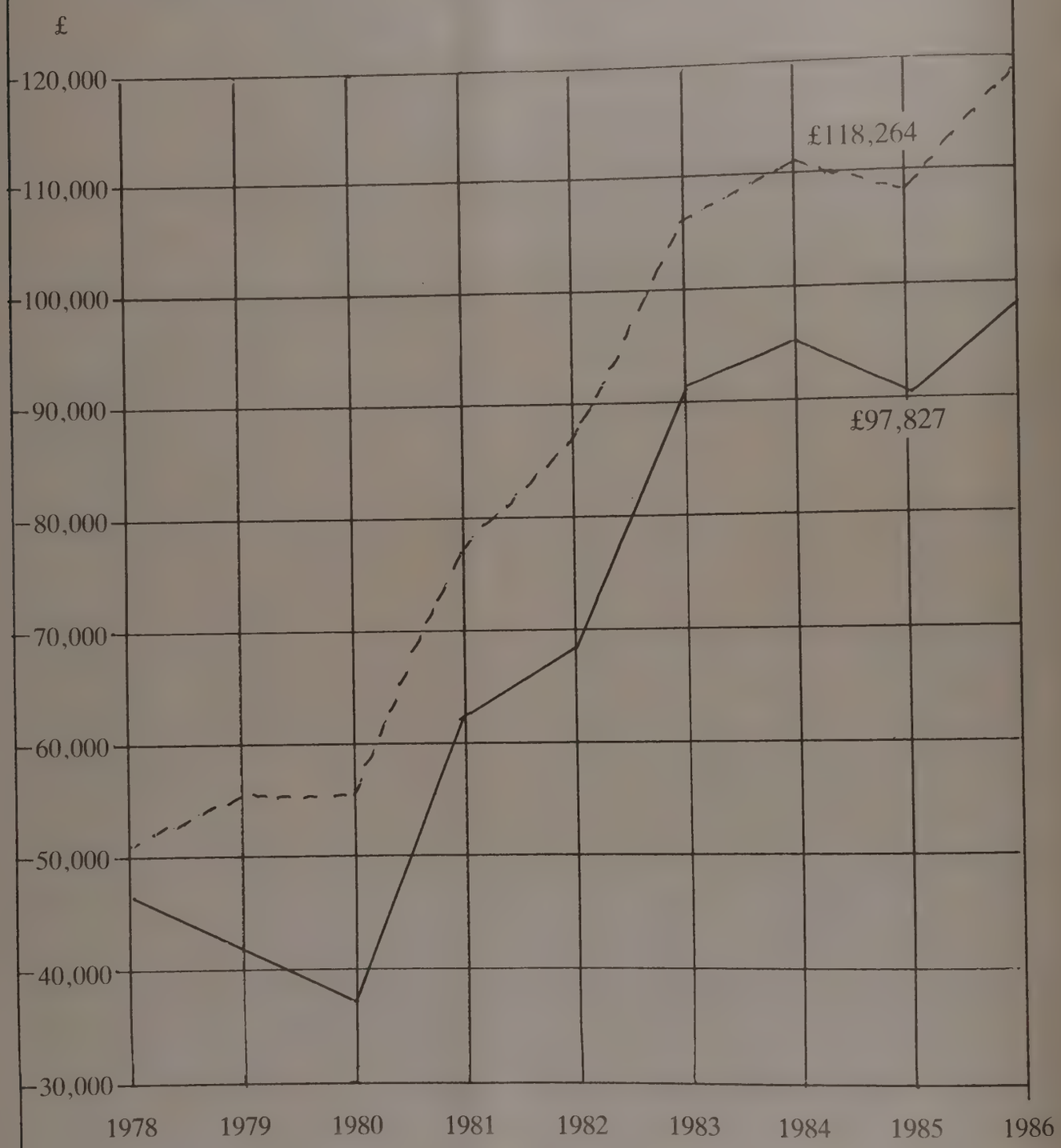

CONVALESCENT ADMISSIONS=398
PERMANENT RESIDENTS=78

HOLIDAY GUESTS=204
TOTAL=680

COST REDUCTION DUE TO FEE PAYING GUESTS INDICATED BY CONTINUOUS LINE ————————

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED 1978–1986 INC.=£139,785.

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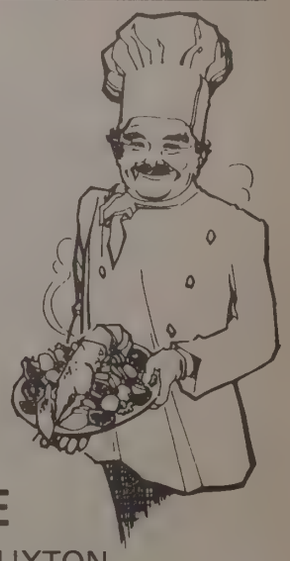

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HOLIDAY OF A LIFETIME

For many years the Cyprus Province have been hosting deserving children from Britain under their well known project. This year a total of ten children from Nottingham, Oakham, Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Basildon departed from Heathrow on 21st June for a fortnight in the sun.

Since 1972 over 200 children have benefitted from the holiday. The children are nominated by Provinces in Britain who consider that their background is such that they deserve a Mediterranean holiday. The holiday is paid for by the Cyprus Province and this year the Brethren on the island raised over £4,000 to offset the expense. This amount is truly remarkable when it is realised that there are less than 40 active Brethren in the Province.

In previous years the holiday has been centred at Episkopi at the southern end of the island, but this year the Brethren of the James Mercury Lodge in Eastern Cyprus requested that they host the children. For the major part of their stay the children were accommodated at Ayios Nicolaos some 4 miles from Famagusta and 3 days were spent at Akrotiri in the south.

The children, 6 boys and 4 girls aged 8–11, spent most days on the beach and those who could not swim when they arrived were soon taught. They enjoyed horse riding, gliding and sports as well as visits to the fire section, helicopter squadron, bomb disposal section, dog section, rifle range and the radio and television station. The evening were spent at barbeques and discos specially organised for them or dining at Greek Tavernas.

Service duties somewhat curtailed the time available for for Brethren to accompany the children all the time, but several took annual leave to ensure the children were well looked after and given the holiday they deserved. The hospitality received, not only from the members of the Order, but also from Service personnel and the Cypriot people was magnificent.

Thanks are recorded to all those in Cyprus connected with "The Holiday of a Lifetime" especially the Brethren of the James Mercury Lodge and in particular Brother Stu Wilkie KOM whose hard work and devotion helped to make it a holiday which the children will never forget.

Bro. Peter Chiverton ROH, G. Con. 1981,
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MANCHESTER & DISTRICT PGL
'Needy Childrens Holiday Scheme'

This year the Province has again excelled itself in taking 50 children away to 'Cumlow' Childrens Camp in Congleton, Cheshire. The children were those who would not normally get a holiday; they come from one parent families and families who because of low incomes from unemployment etc. are unable to meet the financial commitment of holidays.

This year marks five years of hard work for the Province and members of the 'Adventure Training Group' scheme. Brothers like Brian Coombs, Jim Meachin, Ken Denton are busy organising the camps every year. In the past 5 years some 300 children have benefitted from the scheme..Donations from Lodges, fund raising in many forms together with material goods from industrial concerns, e.g. Kelloggs, Colgate, Palmolive and many more whose support is greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

The activities cover camping, canoeing and like pastimes, all sorts of field games and sports, trips to exhibitions, zoos, and a special to Jodrell Bank have been undertaken. Boating on the canal with the PGL 12 foot cruiser proves very exciting.

We are currently planning ahead for next year and all concerned hope that an even better 'needy holiday' will be enjoyed by those youngsters who in the main are selected for us by the Social Services Education Committee.

In all a worthwhile cause giving satisfaction to those concerned.

Bro. A. Tyler KOM, PG Tyler, (Manchester and District PGL).

Obituaries and Tributes

LONDON (SOUTH ESSEX) P.G.L. **Brother Herbert W. T. George** ROH, PPGP, PPEC, PPKC, member of the William Le Roux Lodge No. 7541 in which Bro. George was 46 years a member. Bro. George was afforded Honorary Membership of the Order after many years of caring and devoted service. He became a member of the William Tilley Lodge No. 2371 whilst serving in H.M. Forces in Gibraltar. He then became affiliated to the Harrow Lodge which in turn became the George Harrow Lodge and is now the William Le Roux Lodge. A devoted Buff, and friend to all. He was never missing at Lodge, PGL, Kn. Chapter, Ex. Council and until latterly all ceremonies around. A dedication to our late Brother was published in a 'Men of Worth' article a few issues of the BQJ ago. We honoured him then and we honour him now as he passes to the Grand Lodge above. Our thoughts and sincere condolences to his widow Ivy, and to his family.

WARWICKSHIRE P.G.L. **Brother Charles Brown** ROH passed away at the age of 90 years on the 30th May, 1987. A well respected Brother of the William A. Powell Lodge No. 2208 wherein Brother Brown was the oldest member. He will be sadly missed by us all.

ALDERSHOT & DISTRICT P.G.L. **Brother Frank Munday** ROH, a member of the original Calthorpe Lodge which subsequently became amalgamated to the Victory Lodge No. 7805. Brother Frank was initiated in March 1948, raised to Primo in 1952, to the Third Degree in 1955; all these degrees being taken in the Calthorpe Lodge. He served the Victory Lodge well and was Exalted to the Fourth Degree in 1961 by that Lodge.

He was active up to the day of his passing on, the 17th February, 1987. Our sympathies have been extended to his family.

LOWESTOFT & DISTRICT P.G.L. **Brother Roy W. G. Harris** ROH passed away on 12th July last.

Brother Roy, familiarly known as 'Rabbi', was initiated in the Pride of Morden Lodge No. 7132 on 21st February 1958. He affiliated to the Dove Lodge No. 3313 on the 22nd July 1983 and was City Tyler and Lodge Auditor up to his passing away.

The funeral service was held at Gorleston Crematorium on the 17th July and a Guard of Honour was formed by Brothers of the Province.

He has left a gap in our Lodge and Order. We extend to his widow and family our sincere condolences both from the Dove Lodge and the Order in general.

MID CORNWALL P.G.L. **Brother 'Nick' Carter** of the Carnsmerry Lodge No. 10380. Bro. 'Nick' joined the Order in August, 1985 and although his membership was of short duration his record of attendance was exemplary. He brought to the Lodge a mixture of sincerity and honesty along with a great sense of humour which lightened every Lodge night. He will be sorely missed by the Brethren of the Lodge and those who knew him.

GRAND LODGE DIRECT. **Brother Donald Raymond Williams,** a member of the Andrew Grainger Lodge No. 9898 passed away on the 25th March in Northern Oman. He had only been in the Order a short while, but had endeared himself to the many friends he had in Oman.

WILTSHIRE P.G. LODGE **Brother George F. Newman** ROH. Initiated in the Athelstan Lodge No. 8333 on the 2nd January, 1952, away on 14th July last. Bro. George will be sadly missed by all the members of the Lodge. His humour and his advice, especially to the younger Brethren was always of great help in guiding them along the path of Buffaloism. May he Rest in Peace in the Grand Link above.

WHITLEY BAY & DISTRICT P.G.L. **Brother Thomas E. Gray** of the Lindisfarne Lodge No. 3519 passed away on 5th April, 1987. His absence from our meetings reminds us of our loss, and our sympathies are extended to those he left behind.

COALVILLE & DISTRICT P.G.L. **Brother Albert Edward Eggleton** ROH, one of the senior members of the Province. Bro. Albert was initiated in the Beaumanor Lodge No. 1953 on 3rd April, 1941 and became Secretary in 1942, the office he held up to the time of his death. He was raised to Primo in 1942, to Knighthood in 1946 and had his name placed on the Roll of Honor in 1956. He had the unique record of serving the Province as Provincial Grand Primo on three occasions, 1947, 1956 and 1967. He was Knight President in 1976 and President of the Ex. Council in 1956. He was also a Founder Member of the ROH Assembly in 1979. For many years Bro. Albert was a delegate to Grand Lodge serving in that capacity up to the time of his passing away in December 1986.

The Province mourns his passing and sadly has also to record the death of three other Brethren:—
Brother Joe Gilliver, New Marquis Lodge No. 8320.
Brother Herbert Mountford. Bardon Hill Lodge No. 7271.
Brother Bill Farthing. Stamford Lodge No. 2020.

Our thoughts go out to the families of our late Brothers, who will be truly missed.

SWANSEA P.G.L. **Brother William A. Thomas** KOM passed away on 12th May, 1987 and will be more than missed by his Lodge and the Province. Bro. Thomas was initiated in the Sir Henry Irving Lodge No. 503 on the 28th May, 1953 and affiliated to the Shakespeare Lodge No. 464 on 8th March, 1976.

Bro. Thomas was a dedicated Buff and very active, he was a PG Lodge delegate. He had been Secretary of the Shakespeare Lodge for the past 8 years, and was to have been exalted to the Fourth Degree the day before his death.

WEST CORNWALL P.G.L. **Brother Sydney Charles Tippett** ROH, Hon. Member, initiated in the Sir Joseph Oldham Gunning Lodge No. 4798 some 60 years ago, later transferring to the Cornubia Lodge No. 8100. Bro. Syd passed away on the 13th May, 1987 aged 66 years. He was a delegate to the PGL in excess of 25 years, and held numerous offices in the Knight's Chapter and ROH Assembly where he served as President for two terms. He was a Secretary of the Cornubia Lodge for seven years until he retired from office in 1974. He became a Founder member of Cornubia Lodge in 1949 and also that of the St. Eia Lodge No. 8651 in St. Ives. He will be sadly missed by one and all alike throughout the Order.

WALSALL & SOUTH STAFFS PGL. **Brother Kenneth George Beddow** a member of the Live & Let Live Lodge No. 3812 since July 1963. He was a Founder Member of the Fred Dunning Lodge No. 9496 opened in 1965 and in which Lodge he served as C. Secretary until 1970. Bro. George became President of the Walsall & South Staffs Knights Chapter No. 17 for the year 1980 and was Treasurer of the Chapter up to the time of his passing on December 24th, 1986.

Bro. George served for many years as a ML Delegate to PGL and was also active in the ROHA.

His wife Barbara gave him considerable support throughout his Buffalo career and they were to be seen not only locally but in many other parts of the country. His rendering with a fine baritone voice of many old time favourite songs was a pleasure never to be missed. He served the Minor Lodge and the Order well and his passing will be regretted.

SOUTH EAST ESSEX P.G.L. **Brother Cecil (Tom) Barker** ROH. The Province mourns the passing of Bro. Tom on the 21st February, 1987. Bro. Tom was a very active member having obtained office as PGP in 1961, President of the Knights Chapter and Examining Council, he was P.G. Treasurer and carried out the duties of a Book Examiner for over 20 years. He was a regular visitor to the sick either at their home or hospital; several O.A.P.s were also pleased at the interest he took in looking into their welfare. He was a tower of strength and eagerly sought after by one and all for help and advice. Bro. Tom will be sadly missed by the Central Lodge No. 8363 and the St. Clements Lodge No. 4162 for whom he gave considerable service, having served in both Lodges as Secretary over many years. His funeral was well attended by many friends from all walks of life. Brother Alf Thompson ROH the Funeral Marshall conducted the ceremony with all the dignity the occasion deserved. Our sympathies go out to all Bro. Tom's family in this last sad tribute to a Man and Brother.

CAMBRIAN PGL. **Brother T. F. Silcock** KOM of the Edward Cass Lodge No. 9545 collapsed and died on his way home from work on the 19th June last. He was initiated in the Elwy Lodge No. 1309 in October 1969. He affiliated to the Edward Cass in October 1978, was raised to Primo in 1979 and to Knighthood in 1983. He served as Provincial Grand Primo for the Province in 1984.

Bro. Frank's funeral at which members of the Lodge were bearers took place with full RAOB ceremony was on 24th June, 1987. Bro. T. Hadland ROH was Funeral Marshal. Our thoughts and condolences go to his widow Doreen and family.

ROSSENDALE PG LODGE. **Brother Jack Wilkinson** ROH who passed away on 17th June last. Bro. Jack was initiated in the Stacksteads Lodge No. 685 in January, 1945 eventually affiliating to the now defunct Bacup Lodge No. 581 which amalgamated with the Britannia Lodge No. 1790. He was Treasurer of the Brittania Lodge up to the time of his death. He served the Province well and in turn was PGP, PExC, PROHA and PG Secretary, and also Treasurer of the ROHA.

He will be sadly missed in the Province and was always ready to lend a helping hand to one and all alike.

NORTH WALES PGL. **Brother Arron Jones** ROH, PPGP, PPKC, PPExC, PPGL Trustee.

'Wedi Holl Dreialon
Wedi Cario'r Dydd
(When all our problems have ended at the end)
Cawn Gwrdd Ar Fynydd Seion
(We shall meet at Mount Seion)
O! Mor Felus Fydd'
(Oh! How sweet it will be)

Bro. Arron was a proud Welshman and devoted and loyal to the Order. He joined the King George V Lodge No. 1545 and was Lodge Secretary for almost 25 years until his sudden passing. He served the Province well throughout all these years and his greatest attribute was that he truly believed that the Order expected from its members loyalty and devotion, but there was one significant importance in his reasoning and that was that 'loyalty and devotions to the family was the first duty and the Order second'. This was what he always practised and the loss of his devoted wife Monica caused him considerable suffering and grief. Monica was a stalwart supporter of Bro. Arron throughout his activities in the Province. He had many honours and jewels but his proudest possesions were the three 10 years long service stars he proudly wore. A lot more could be written of Bro. Arron but we in Wales have a special quotation which describes Bro. Arron in one sentence: 'Yr Hun A Allodd Ef Ef A Wnaeth' *(All this man could do he did)*. Bro. Arron died on 24th May and was cremated on 28th May last. A last farewell to this.fine Brother and friend to all.

'Er Côfam Ein Annwyl Brawd'
(He heard a gentle voice)
Fe Glywodd Dyner Laid
(That was calling him)
Yn Galw Arno Ef I Ddod Ir Nefoedd Lle Yr Wyf
(To come to Heaven where I am)
O' Arron Tyrd At Fi'
(O' Arron come to me)

Readers are advised that frequently more than one submission is received in respect of a departed Brother and it is necessary that publication of any particular item is left to the discretion of the Editor.

ISLE OF WIGHT PGL. **Brother Alfred Stillwell** ROH of the Lion Lodge No. 4612 passed away on 22nd June last. He was initiated into the Order on 22nd July, 1948 in the Lion Lodge. His career in the Order was such as to merit the approbation of his fellow members to honour him successively until he reached the Fourth Degree. He had been ill for several months but was always in touch with the Lodge. Our sympathies are extended to his widow and family and he will always be remembered with affection.

LINCOLN & DISTRICT P.G.L. **Brother James Foulkes** ROH, a member of the No Name Lodge No. 8299 who died 23rd March, 1987 after a long illness. Bro. Foulkes was aged 63 years and he will be sadly missed by his Lodge and those he associated with.

NORTHWICH & DISTRICT P.G.L. **Brother Alfred Hately** ROH passed away 18th April last. Initiated in the Progress Lodge No. 9586, Bro. Alf served his Lodge and the Province well. He became a Provincial Grand Lodge Officer and will be sadly missed. Our condolences are extended to his wife, Sheila, and family.

STOCKTON & DISTRICT P.G.L. **Brother K. Metcalfe** of the Victory Lodge No. 3113, a valued and much respected member who passed away on May 16th last.
Brother R. (Nobby) Clark ROH. A member of the Thomas Binns Lodge No. 8314 who will be remembered by all who knew him. His Mother Lodge and the Knights Chapter will miss his activities. Bro. Clark passed away on 24th May last.

BUXTON & DISTRICT P.G.L. **Brother Harold Harvey** ROH initiated in the High Peak Lodge No. 312 on 15th March 1938, never one to seek high office in the Province. He was Raised to the Fourth Degree in July, 1951. A great stalwart of our Order and Province and for 25 years the Treasurer of his Lodge. He was laid to rest on 24th April last with two of his sons on the Final Link at which the Provincial Grand Primo acted as Funeral Marshal.

NORTH MANCHESTER P.G.L. **Brother William Worthington** ROH passed away on 2nd April last. Bro. Bill was a member of the Harmonic Lodge No. 1034 for whom he served as C. Treasurer, he also was active in the Lion Lodge No. 800. His worth was indicated by the many Brethren who attended the funeral service conducted with dedication and sincerity by Brother S. T. Gallagher ROH. Our condolences go out to his family at his sad passing.

MONMOUTHSHIRE P.G.L. **Brother H. Turner** K.O.M., P.G. Con. Initiated 1972 in the Duke of Wellington Lodge No. 3083. Passed away suddenly on 25th April last. Bro. Walter was a Lodge Trustee and a delegate to PGL for many years. He is sadly missed by all who knew him.

JERSEY P.G.L. **Brother Lawrence Anderton** ROH. It is with much regret that the Province advises of the death of Bro. Anderton. He was initiated in the Mont Orgueil Lodge No. 8188 on the 12th February, 1954. Raised to the Second Degree on 6th May, 1955, took his Third Degree on 4th July, 1958 and was exalted to the Fourth Degree on the 4th October, 1963. He obtained honours as Grand Waiter for 1969 and his considerable knowledge of the Order was always sought after by the members of the Province. His passing will not only be a great loss to the Province but to the Order in general. He served the Province well and became PGP, PExCo, PKC and PROH Assembly as well as delegate to Grand Lodge.

PORTLAND P.G.L. **Brother George Morgan** ROH. A PPGP of the Hereford PGL, he joined the Imperial Lodge No. 7982 in January, 1952. He subsequently joined the West Dorset Lodge No. 4969 and became a very active member. Bro. George found the ties of his homeland at Hereford were such as to lure him back during May 1987. He unfortunately was not in very good health and sadly passed away on 19th June last. The pleasure of his company amongst us will always be something we can remember with sincere memories.

BIRKENHEAD & DISTRICT P.G.L. **Brother Andrew Male** ROH. A member for nearly 30 years of the Skelmersdale Lodge No. 500. He became President of the ROH Assembly, President of the Knights Chapter also of the Examining Council and held several Minor Offices in the P.G. Lodge. He was P.G. Chamberlain for 6 years. Brother Andy was severely injured whilst on Civil Defence duties during the Blitz on Merseyside, leaving him very much disabled. He sadly developed T.B. and then Emphysema and latterly suffered from Parkinson's Disease. These set backs did not allow him the freedom he required to serve as Provincial Grand Primo of the Province, he alone deciding that he would not be able to give his full attention to that Office. Nevertheless he was most active in all other aspects of the Provincial Grand Lodge affairs and ceremonies. He was an inspiration to all young and old alike. In memory of this wonderful Brother, who alone was permitted to consume all his Juniper at second degree ceremonies, the Province have now instituted a special toast at Raisings: 'The Andy Male Toast'. Bro. Andy passed away on 1st April last, he was buried with the full Buffalo ceremony with many of his friends present to say goodbye. He leaves behind memories of his example to us all, loyalty and courage, truly a 'Man of Worth'.

TAUNTON P.G.L. **Brother Albert George Bickham** ROH of the United Lodge No. 3855 passed away on 20th April last, aged 79 years. Bro. 'Bert' joined the Order in 1929 and was a member of the Lodge for over 50 years. His attributes are too many to repeat, always being ready to help where needed especially the younger Brothers of our Order. Some 50 Brothers attended the funeral to pay their respects to a very loyal Brother. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him and by the Order in general.

BOOK TROLLIES FOR 2 MIL HOSPITAL

The members of the Goodwood Lodge No. 10070 (GLD) recently completed their latest project by the presentation of two book trollies to the 2 Military Hospital in Wyneburg, Capetown, South Africa. Funds were raised by means of charges and raffles and donations. Having obtained sufficient funds the material for construction of the trollies was purchased. The Brothers then set about making up the units. Several members contributed their skills for the manufacture and finally the job was done. In addition to the trollies the members rallied round and between them all were able to give some four hundred books and over one hundred magazines all in mint condition. The hospital receiving the trollies and books is a medical unit which caters for all. To continue the good work the Lodge continued to collect a further two hundred books which three of the Lodge Brothers went along and presented. On this visit they were given a guided tour, starting from the kitchens to the wards, computer room, intensive care unit etc. A most enlightening visit and well worth the effort.

Bro. C. G. Everett ROH, C. Secretary, Goodwood Lodge No. 10070 (GLD).

(Thank you Goodwood for fostering the spirit of goodwill to those in need; efforts like yours can only promote the interests of the Order. Sorry, but the photo quality precluded reproduction in the BQJ—Ed).

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☆ MEN OF WORTH ☆

Bro. George Barron ROH
Bro. George Seymour ROH

On 20th May last the members of the Kingston Province together with visiting Brothers packed the Blackamoor Lodge No. 7573 to pay tribute to the 2 'Young Brother Georges' in Bro. George Barron ROH and Bro. George Seymour ROH.

Bro. Barron was initiated on 24th August, 1925 and Bro. Seymour in November 1936 his initiation ceremony being carried out by Bro. Barron.

Both Brothers have served the Kingston Province as Provincial Grand Primo, President of Examining Council, President of Knights Chapter and President of Roll of Honour Assembly.

They are both still very active in the Hohenfels Commemoration Lodge No. 8220 and Edward Freeman Lodge No. 6617 respectively.

In 1937 Bro. Barron asked Bro. Seymour to stand in as City Secretary whilst he was away which resulted in him completing his 50 continuous years as the secretary of the Edward Freeman Lodge. Is this a record as the longest serving Secretary?

Both Brothers were involved in the Church Parade Committee in the 1940's and founder members of several Lodges in the Province.

The Provincial Grand Primo Bro. R. Smallpiece KOM paid tribute to both Brothers for the wonderful service they have and are still giving to the Order following which he presented each Brother with a cheque on behalf of the Kingston Province. Other members present paid tribute to the 'young ones' and presented them with various gifts including the usual bottle for 'medicinal purposes'.

In their response both Bro. Georges recalled many of their memories of the activities within the Order including Bro. Barron's experiences as a Grand Lodge Delegate and the problems they both faced in travelling by public transport to perform their duties as Officers of the various sections of the Province which at the time also included the Staines Province.

Both Brothers are held in high esteem within the Kingston Province and both share the same aim to see that a Brother keeps in compliance and to visit any in

need or sickness.

They are great characters [illegible] to great length to list their many achievements and service to the Order.

Well done, you 'young lads' you certainly deserve the title of 'Men of Worth'.

The photograph shows Bro. Seymour on the left with Bro. Barron on the right.

THE LAND AND SEA DIARY

Just a few more pages from the diary of the Land and Sea Lodge.

On February 14th we held our Lodge Annual Dinner at a local 'Nite Spot' when about 24 of our members together with their wives/girlfriends lived 'high on the Hog' for six hours or so. The meal was both plentiful and excellent and, as you can imagine, plenty of 'gatter' was supped. There was a fine Disco for those of us who were able to take part. Unfortunately some of us are past it (Discos I mean). The whole night gave us something to sustain us until next year.

The Lodge had the pleasurable duty of Exalting the PGP Middlesborough and Cleveland, Bro. Tom Charlton, to the 4th Degree. The ceremony was performed in his usual excellent manner by our own (resident) Exalting Officer Bro. J. E. Storey ROH in the company of 78 members and visitors. Once again another good nights Buffing.

May 27th was a highlight (for some of us) when 9 members of the Lodge accompanied by 7 wives took ourselves off to Malta again for our annual holidays. The weather was marvellous. Whilst there we took the opportunity to again visit the stalwarts of the Calafrana No. 3886 Lodge. We were pleased to see two other visitors from the U.K., one of whom was the PGP of the South Leeds Province accompanied by one of his Officers. A really good night was had by all and we left them a little token of our visit namely a Land & Sea Lodge Jewel to add to their extensive collection (other visitors please note). One of the results of this trip is that the rest of the Lodge members are getting a little bit sick of the holiday snaps showing lots of bare buffalo flesh etc.

On the outside Charity front, the Lodge itself (whilst supporting other peoples efforts) has not arranged anything yet, but one of our members Bro. Brian Watson KOM excelled himself in his efforts to obtain a computer and television set with his activities in association with the Redcar British Legion for presentation to Master David Dominiak, a ten year old patient undergoing hospital treatment to straighten his curved spine.

Brother E. Wray ROH, Land and Sea Lodge No. 4326, Middlesborough and Cleveland PGL.

!!! WANTED !!!

Bro. Dave Manton CP wants to learn the whereabouts of Bro. Doug Sykes KOM who was Bro. Manton's first sponsor to him in the **Prince Elector Lodge** No. 8576, in **Celle, West Germany** in January 1980.

Service postings having caused them to lose touch, Bro. Manton now seeks to learn if Bro. Sykes is still around or can any other Bro. help in his quest.

Information to Bro. D. Manton, 5 Petrel Road, Ashby de la Launde, Lincoln LN4 3JT

MAN OF WORTH

Bro. Thomas William Tuffrey ROH

Brother Thomas William Tuffrey ROH was initiated into the Joseph Oldham Gunning Lodge of the West Cornwall Province on February 11th, 1927 and moved to Banbury as far as can be ascertained in the late 1930's or early 1940's, being employed at a local factory engaged in the production of parts for Spitfires and Lancasters. This entailed working a three shift system and seven days a week, but Bro. Tom, having affiliated to Banbury Cross Lodge No. 5007, maintained his attendances. Obtaining the Degree of Primo on December 11th, 1946, he quickly volunteered to be PGL Delegate to the then Wiltshire Governing Authority, with their meetings being held in Swindon. At times this journey was undertaken by hire car, a Rolls Royce from a local taxi firm. Following the formation of the Banbury & District Province in 1949, Bro. Tom was elected Delegate for the Banbury Cross Lodge.

After his exaltation to the Third Degree on February 3rd, 1951, he became a member of the Knights Chapter No. 235 at the first meeting after his exaltation. His services were rewarded by his election to the Office of President for the year of 1955. Bro. Tom's name was placed on the Roll of Honour on July 2nd, 1960, and in that same year his dedication and service to PGL resulted in his election as PG Primo for 1961; also in that year Bro. Tom was elected PG Trustee, the office he still holds today. He was also Delegate to Grand Lodge for many years until 1965.

In 1962 Bro. Tom was elected Treasurer for Knights Chapter No. 235, and is still carrying out those duties.

He was further honoured in September 1982 by receiving Honorary Membership of the Order.

It does not need a mathematician to calculate Bro. Tom's age, but he still attends regularly Minor Lodge, PGL and Knights Chapter and is rarely absent from any Degree Ceremony in the Province.

By todays standards Bro. Toms progress through the Degrees was rather slow, as was the norm in those years, but if all Brethren who today enjoy a much more rapid rise through the Degrees, can look back upon a record of service such as Bro. Tom's, there would be no worries for the future of the Order.

Who can deny, Bro. Tom is a Man of Worth.

MAN OF WORTH

The Rt. Hon Sir Walter Marriott

The task of researching into a fellow Buffs career without his knowledge or co-operation, brings to mind the work involved in producing T.V.'s "This is Your Life", but I undertook my considered duty when I found a 'Man of Worth' and truly worthy of my efforts in the publication of his record and career. He is now aware of my action but to have had his co-operation before writing my findings would have extended this article by several more paragraphs, and 'enough is enough'.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Walter Marriott, P.P.G.P., P.P.Ex.C., P.P.K.C., P.G. Trustee is a Founder Member of our R.O.H. Assembly and its Vice President this year, was initiated into the Friendship Lodge No. 7872 in the Wombwell Province on the 6th January 1958, the Lodge later amalgamating with the Unity Lodge, becoming the Friendship Unity Lodge. He affiliated to several Lodges over the years, to the Star of Bolton No. 6126 on 22nd May 1958, the Legionnaire Lodge No. 9198 on the 16th December 1979, to the Pride of Darfield Lodge No. 1830 on the 23rd January 1981, the Oaktree Lodge No. 2349 on the 23rd June 1981. He also 'found' a suffering Lodge and affiliated to it, the Don Pottery Lodge No. 10084 on the 13th April 1982, this Lodge in the Rotherham P.G.L.

Walt was raised on 8th June 1959, installed K.O.M. on November 1964, becoming Knights President in 1972. Exaltation to the Roll of Honour took place on 6th July 1970 and he will be, hopefully, President of the R.O.H. Assembly next year. He became president of the Wombwell & District Examining Council in 1984 and had served in office as P.G. Primo in 1982. It only follows that he should accept Trusteeship of our Province, R.O.H. Assembly, Knights Chapter and Minor Lodges he attends.

He serves the Star of Bolton as Treasurer and is noted for his success as Lodge Instructor with no failures to date in any of the Lodges he serves. He is an active member of all P.G.L. Committees and Examining Council, he is the instigator or active helper in all our fund raising and charitable events, acting also as M.C. on our social occasions. He undertakes the onerous task of Investigating Officer in respect of G.L., P.G.L. and M.L. grants. He is valued as a sick visitor, I once witnessed his devotion to this duty when I accompanied him in the seemingly impossible task of obtaining an invalid carriage for an aged, chair bound, ailing Brother. No stone was left unturned until he handed over a shiny new wheelchair complete with pump and tools.

Walt serves on the Yorkshire Committee currently concered with the organisation of Grove House Garden Party. As an Ex-Officio delegate to Grand Lodge he acts as a taxi driver come organiser for delegates of our own and adjacent Provinces and encourages visitors to these venues. He attends all G.L. Officers Investitures and has a record of Convention attendances. He is well known and in demand throughout many Provinces due to his ability of having all degree ceremonies commited to memory and never attending unaccompanied. All this may add up to Walter being a good Buff, until I say he is severely disabled, permanently encased in a plastic body sheath and enduring constant pain and discomfort, as only those who know him intimately are aware. This results from an accident in 1949 which led to hospitalisation and invalidity in respect of physical mobility, he never gave way and only accepted enforced retirement under duress.

I foresee him still achieving [illegible] of success, and if his record is recognised in Grand Lodge circles as it is in the Provinces, who knows where this will lead him.

His other interests include D.I.Y., glass engraving, woodworking, and limited gardening. His wife joins him in refurbishing regalia, many sections of our Province being enrobed in full glory due to these efforts.

Yes, Sir Walter Marriott R.O.H. whose devotion to duty and model allegiance to our Order and its principles, has proven to be an inspiration to all that have served with him and who recognise him as a superior character and a Man of Worth.

Submitted by Brother S. Ward R.O.H., P.G.P., P.P.K.C., Wombwell and District P.G.L.

MAN OF WORTH

Bro. John Robert Cox ROH.

Brother John was initiated in the Duke of Normandie Lodge No. 7362 on the 12th July, 1946 and from that time his enthusiasm never faded, and now at the age of 86 years he is still active. He was raised to Primo on 23rd January, 1948 and from that time went to PGL as the Lodge delegate. In 1951 he was honoured with the Third Degree and three years later became Provincial Grand Primo of the Jersey Province. He received his Fourth Degree accolade in 1956 and in that year was President of the Knights Chapter. In 1959 Bro. John affiliated to the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge No. 7952 whose members hold him in very high regard. Latterly Bro. John requires assistance in getting around but with the help of two walking sticks he still manages to get to both his Lodges. He still attends the Knights Chapter and ROH Assembly meetings, he was ROH Assembly President in 1978 and also Examining Council President in 1974. He has a proud record of not being out of compliance from the time of initiation, and hid enthusiasm for helping others is second to none. The Jersey Province this year afforded him the privilege of Honorary Membership after his 40 years of service and devotion to the principles of our Order, and we look forward to many more years of having him with us to continue the work he so loves.

The photograph shows from left to right Bro. John Cooper ROH, Bro. John Cox ROH. and Bro. Basil Marsh ROH.

Article by Bro. A. Potts KOM, Press Officer, Jersey Pt Lodge.

Announcements

FELIXSTOWE. The Brethren of the Amphibian Lodge No. 6324 offer a hearty welcome to all Brothers and their families visiting Felixstowe, who may wish to visit us at the Royal British Legion Club on Thursdays at 8 p.m.

FELIXSTOWE. Albatross Lodge No. 10404 welcome all Brothers and their families to Felixstowe, and hope to see the Brethren in Lodge on a Sunday at 11 a.m. where a friendly and hearty welcome awaits, at the Royal British Legion Club, 39 Mill Lane, Felixstowe.

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SKEGNESS. A warm welcome awaits all Brothers on Holiday at the Charles Farmer Lodge No. 4280, Thursday, 8 p.m. County Hall: Barnack Lodge 8660, Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m. New Park Club: Clarence Edward Epton Lodge 9477, Sunday, 10 a.m. Highwayman Inn.

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The Brethren of the St. Tudno Lodge 1954, offer visitors to NORTH WALES a hearty welcome at the Royal Artillery Association Club, Mostyn St., LLANDUDNO. Monday nights 8 pm.

R.A.O.B. Club and Inst. 1 Fleming Place,Maryport, CUMBRIA. Offers a warm welcome to visiting Brothers and their families. Temporary membership can be arranged. Lodge nights Monday Sir Wt. Disney Lodge No. 1815. 7.45 pm Friday K.J. Groves Lodge 10391 7.45 pm.

Beverley Lodge Lodge 9318. R.A.F. Abingdon. The Lodge will celebrate its 25th Anniversary with a dinner to be held on 14th November, 1987. All Brothers interested in attending and renewing old friendships should contact Brother D. Hawkes, 22 Orpwood Way, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 5PX. (0235) 28003. Do it now.

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Thursday)	Kts. Chap.	Queens Head, KESSINGLAND	8 p.m.
Friday	Dove Lodge	The Globe, High Street	8 p.m.
Friday	Festival Lodge	R.A.O.B. Club, Gordon Road	8 p.m.
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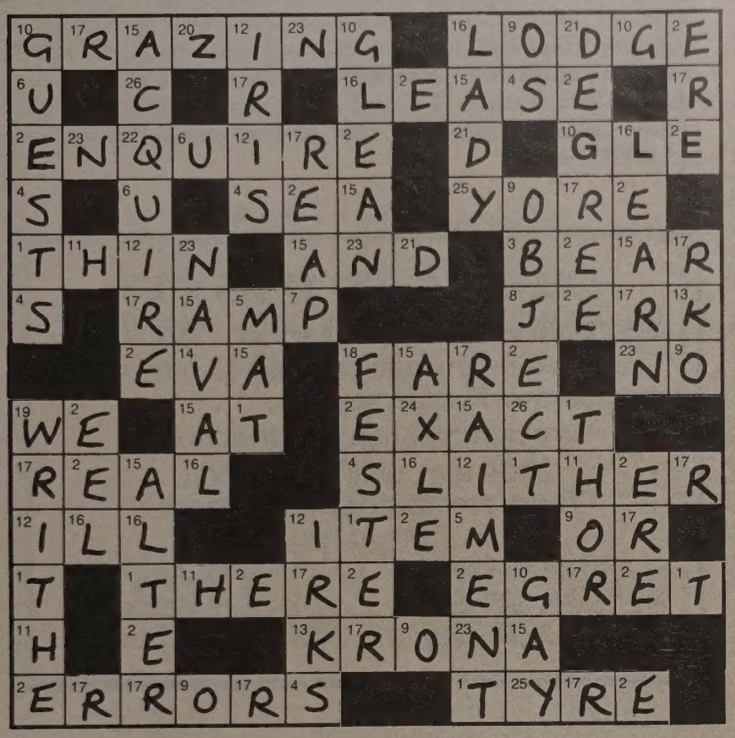
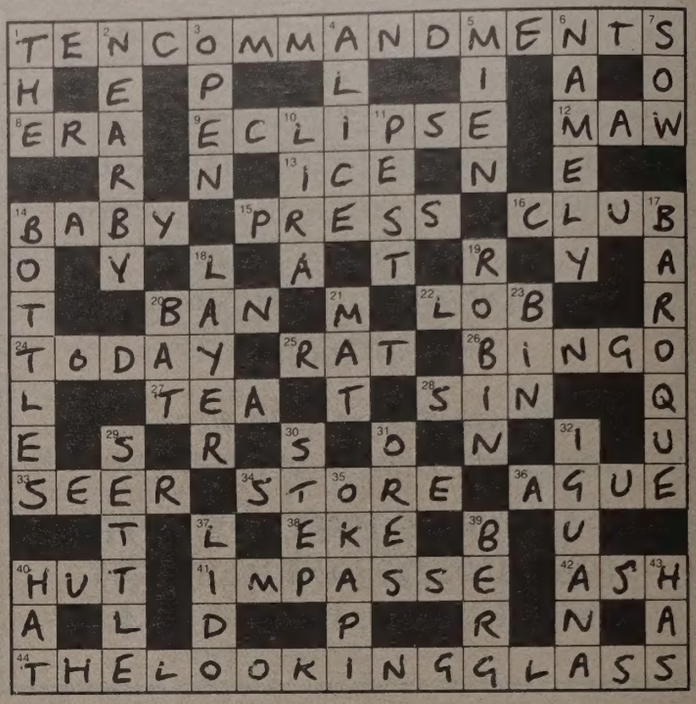
Solution to the Puzzle herewith.



SPRING CROSSWORD No. 1

There were only seventeen entries received for the Spring '87 Crossword Puzzle and the winning entry was submitted by Bro. D. T. Thompson ROH of 23c High Street, Ventnor, Isle of Wight PO38 1RZ of the Prince Victor Lodge No. 181 Isle of Wight PGL who will receive a years free subscription of the BQJ.

Answers to the Puzzle herewith.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